## esident Amin Page Summericans To The O Americans **summons** pefore him

Amin yesterday summoned the 1 200 Americans in Uganda to appear im on Monday. The move appeared to agry reaction to criticism of his regime dent Carter. In a letter to Mr Carter, t Amin accused the United States of ent in a plot to overthrow him and e American President "the exhaust pipe

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ng Ugandan Chargé Washington has twice in the past be told of America's concern over the safety of American Jganda. Blowed

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that there were Marines on board s to undertake anv nions, but obviously

Pentagon and the utment have dis-issurd allegations by min, in a letter to Carter, that the es was planning a on of Uganda with inst Americans in s of many people in in that direction. - i on Entebbe to free rline passengers, the rallel, occurred last

a Department is not nany Americans are anda. The embassy la was closed in 1973. There were hr to be about 290 ionaries. About 100 d to have left since

mdan acting chargé in Washington, Mr wurui, told reporters iad been summoned State Department: no cause for alarm." t on to say "Presiwishes to inform the that they would not d or harassed. He to know that be nated the work that done and he wants meinue - But if they

The message to President Carter from President Amin was

delivered this morning. It accused the Americans of postof Kenya ready to invade
President Amin described Mr
Carter as the "exhaust pipe of
the Zionists" he said: "I know that the black Americans, as well as many white Americans, cannot be against Uganda, but some Zionist Jews who control the media are the ones exerting

He added: "In spite of being a new President, it is very hard to remain in that office unless the Zionists put you in their

He accused the Central Intel ligence Agency (CIA) of involvement in an abortive plot against his Government. He said evidence of CIA involvement in the plot came

from 16 Ugandans who were actively involved and had been arrested in the past two weeks. Claiming that Mr Carter had based his views on Uganda on hearsay evidence. President Amin suggested it would be better for the United States to ask the United Nations to in vestigate its own violations of human rights.

When Uganda radio broadcast the amouncement of Monday's meeting to which the Americans are summoned it instructed border guards and immigration officers to ensure that no Americans left Uganda before the meeting.

The appropriement caused alarm among Americans in East

Ugandan Significantly. administrators were instructed to draw up lists of all the Americans in their areas and of their property, including chickens, goats, pigs and other animals, according to the radio. Nairobi, Feb 25.—A presidential spokesman in Kampala said later that the Americans sumlater that the Americans summoned to appear before President Amin should not be alarmed. The President only wanted to thank them for their hard work during a period of economic difficulty, Uganda radio quoted the spokesman as saving saving.

Ottawa: Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, said in Parliament today that he will consider asking that the question of human rights in Uganda be placed on the agenda for the Commonwealth conference in London in June. —Reuter\_

Call for inquiry, page 4 | and Communist parties.



The scene of the murder of Mr lan Jebb, the bank cashier.

### Hunt for girl after bank killing

Prestbury, Cheshire

A police hunt involving seventy officers was being-centred last night on Prestbury, Cheshire, for a man or men, possibly accompained by a girl of 19 as hostage, after the cashier of a bank was found dead from stab wounds. House to-house searches were being made.

Customers of the small branch of Williams and Glyn's bank in of williams and Gyn's bank in Prestbury, regarded as "the richest village" in the north-west of England, became alarmed when they could not get a reply at the door after the normal lunchtime closing period

Bank officials found Mr Ian Nicholas Jebb, aged 22, the cashier, of Highlands Road, Offerton, Stockport, dead from tab wounds, Between £2,000 and £2,500

had been stolen and Miss Susan Hockenhull, of Lowes Lane, Gawsworth, Chesbire, who Gawsworth, Cheshire, who should also have been on duty, was missing.

Det Chief Supt Gerald Williams, of Cheshire CID, said there was reason to believe that Miss Hockenhull was being held as a hostage. He described the injuries to Mr Jebb as the result of a vicious attack. The man or men being sought were obviously dangerous.

An incident room was set up at a village, hall in Prestbury last might and an appeal went out to anyone who was in the

Portuguese

announced on television tonight. The Prime Minister had left a

Cabinet meeting which dis-cussed economic measures to

make the announcement. He later returned to the meeting. He said further details of the

economic measures proposed would be given later by him-self and by Dr Medina Carreira, the Finance Minister.

Dr Soares, a socialist, told President Eanes of the Govern-

ment's proposed economic measures this afternoon. The

President also had talgs today with the leaders of the Social Democrat, Christian Democrat

by 15pc

From Jose Shercliff

Lisbon, Feb 25

ally to contact the police and give any information they bad about people entering or leaving. Two special phone numbers were issued by the police.

Mr Williams said the concen-Mr Williams said the contentration of the bunt on the village did not rule out the possibility that Miss Hockenhull had been taken away in a vehicle, allowed there had been no descriptions of a vehicle involved in the robbery.

Miss Hockenholl's father, Mr David Hockenhall, is a gardener employed by Macclesfield council and his wife, Violet, said that she was



Miss Susan Hockenhull

described as between 5ft 4in and 5ft 6in tall, of slim build, with a fair complexion. She has a small mole on her right cheek, short, fair hair and blue

She was thought to be wearing a maroon skirt, a grey poloneck sweater and a long, black or blue cardigan. The coat and sandals she normally wore were found in the bank by the police.

Only the staff on an estate agency whose offices adjoin the little black and white bank with its stone slab roof in the centre of the picturesque village heard anything unusual. They made statements to the police last

Others, including shop-keepers, said they did not realize anything was amiss until the police cars began to Mr Jebb had been in his job

for only five days. He was noping his transfer would be the first step to becoming a manager.

Mrs Hilda Jebb, his step-mother, said he was to have figures married in August. He had grammes years, and they had been engaged for two years. Miss Hockenbull lives with

her parents and sister, aged 12, in one of three bungalows built at Middle Mess Farm in the at Middle Mess Farm in the village of Gawsworth near by about three years ago. Mr Joseph Kening a neighbour said: Susai is a preur girl with a ready said.

### plans in jeopardy as strike crisis deepens

As British Leyland's internal problems reached crisis proportions yesterday with the probability that it might be forced to reduce substantially its expansion plans, the Government appeared to be adopting a page to be and or continued. restrained and cautious

Mr Kaufman, Minister of State at the Department of Industry, referred to the Ley-land situation during a speech to Labour Perty members in Covenery, the home of thousands of Leyland car workers, but did or Leyland car workers, out the not use the occasion to exhort a return to work or say that further state aid was dependent upon sustained output.

upon sustained output.

After outlining the great potential facing the company he said simply: "There are many enemies, political and commercial who are standing on the sidelines longing for the failure of this crucial venture of public ownership linked with process persicitation. worker participation.

"Those enemies must be deprived of a triumph for them that would be a disaster for

Mr Kaufman was speaking as

total lay-offs throughout British Leyland reached 30,000 and production was reduced to a trickle. The lack of strong words from the minister may indicate that the Government, or more likely the National Enterprise Board, is contemplating a new initiative to end the series of disputes putting the future of the company in jeopardy.

The company is already well behind in its 10-year investment plan and falling behind the targets set in the Ryder report. Management is certain to be

reconsidering future projects, and among the first that could be postponed or cancelled is the £200m replacement for the

Other medium-term plans include face-lifts for existing models in Leyland's volume car range and a new series of cars in the 1980s, all of which may need to be reduced in Ford view of Leyland, page 15

### White Paper calls for spending cuts in 1980 By David Blake

Economics Correspondent

The possibility of a new round of public spending cuts during this year's review of public expenditure was high-lighted by the publication yesterday of the second part of the Government's annual White Paper on Expenditure.
This shows that in 1979-80, on current highly "pro-

on current highly "pro-visional" plans, total spending on programmes would rise by in 1979-80, if spending on some industrial aid and lending to nationalized industries is excluded.

The White Paper gives a warning that the spending figures for individual programmes during 1979-80 and known his fiancée for three \$1980.81 will have to be reviewed during this year's survey of public spending plans because they have not been reappraised in the light of the developments which led to the Chancellor's cuts on December 15.

Pressure to cut public spend-ing rather than allow it to grow at the lond of the decade is likely to be reinforced by the

made in programmes for 1977/78 and 1978/79, the jump in 1979/80 is all the more striking. This problem arises because spending plans are usually pre pared on a rolling five-year basis, and those for 1979/80 were first drawn up for the White Paper which was pub-lished in January 1976.

As part of the terms agreed in securing the IMF loan, public spending for 1977-78 and 1978-79 was cut sharply, but no attempt was made to carry the process onwards to 1979-80. Because of this, the first part of the government White Paper contained no figures in com-parable prices for the years after 1978/79.
The White Paper makes no

estimate for lending to nationa-lized industries in later years. or for some kinds of aid to in dustry. If these are omitted, then adding up the spending totals give a figure of £49,600m for all programmes in 1979/80 and £49,800m in 1980/81. These figures compare with an estima ted £48,690m in 1978/79. Protection of Senetits, page State industries finance,

### Rudolf Hess suicide attempt

reported

Berlin, Feb 25.—Rudolf Hess, once Ritler's deputy, tried to commit suicide by slashing his wrists in West Berlin's Spandau prison this week, according to informed sources.

A prison spokesman refused to say whether he had tried to take his own life. But a French report said that Soviet guards found Herr Hess 15 minutes after he had slashed his wrists and punished him by removing

his personal effects.

It was not explained why the Russians took disciplinary action, when France was responsible for Spandan's security.

—Reuter.

### **Abortion Bill** gets second reading after fierce debate By Hugh Noyes

Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

Mesiminster

A Bill to reform the abortion laws by introducing stricter controls passed its first Commons hurdle yesterday when it was given a second reading by 170 votes to 132, a majority for the Bill of 38.

The Abortion (Amendments) Bill, which is recognized, even by its sponsors, as requiring considerable amendment in committee, was given its second

considerable amendment in committee, was given its second reading despite opposition from the Department of Health and Social Security.

One of the biggest Friday attendances in the House for some time was evidence of the deep anxiety felt on the issue inside and outside Parliament. In the end, MPs left the Government in no doubt that there ment in no doubt that there

is serious concern over the way the 1967 Act is operating. The Bill's main proposals concern the framework for after-care, regulations for premises where abortions are carried out, the matter of con-scientious objection for doctors and nurses, time limits for the ending of pregnancies, and the qualifications required doctors before they authorize abortions.

From an early stage it was clear that the Government was not in favour of further legislation now. But Mr Moyle, Mini-ster of State, at the Department of Health and Social Security, promised that if the Bill was given a second reading his department's resources would be partment's resources would be placed at the disposal of the House, so that background in-formation would be available when the Bill came before the standing committee.

He said that he and Mr Ennals, the Secretary of State, saw no need to introduce legislation in view of the dministrative action taken by the department. He would be voing against the Bill. Mr Moyle added that there

was a case for a period of calm while the various controls available continued to remove the given concern to many people. The important task for the department was to improve the National Health Service aborion arrangements.
Dr Gerard Vaughan, speaking

from, but not for the Tory from bench, said that, as a doctor he was conscious that whenever abortion was discus-sed they were dismissing the faking of a human life, however legally justified that might be. There was widespread disquiet about abortion and he believed that the Bill would reduce the abuses. The intention was to reduce abuses withour harming the main intention of the 1967 Acr by driving abor-tion into the back streets.

From the Tory back benches. Mr William Benyon, the author of the Bill, which has MPs of all parties among its sponsors, said he was seeking to legislate along the lines of the recom-mendations of the select com-mittee on abortion. Mr Movie had quoted figures to show that Continued on page 2, col 3

'The Times'

We apologize to readers who did not receive their copies of *The Times* yesterday. This was due to continuing unofficial disputes.

How well

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### C suspends its butter subsidy

hael Hornsby Feb 25

the furore created that the sale of some nes of surplus butter Soviet Union either id or was about to be

Finn Olav Gundelach, missioner responsible uture. The Commisin a statement that the of the subsidy suspento provide "a pause tion".

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", Feb 25 -At least six were killed and 12

workers said many

m Hackett, a British nan, said he got out ng along the floor in

ke on the fifth storey making his way down.

ood up I just couldn't breathe?, he told ." It must have got up ddenly. There was ... I could hear the

from the top of the

were trapped.

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Under EEC rules, the suspension can last only three days.
After that the Commission could reintroduce the subsidy at a reduced rate, provided it obtained the support of EEC members. Earlier this month, In or was about to be in the subsidy was increased by the European Commission to the example announced the example state of the example state of the example state of the commission intended to recommission was taken by Mr ins. the Commission's after consultation reint of the community. The subsidies of the community is subsidied by the subsidier this month, the subsidier was increased by the subsidier that the subsidier this month, the subsidier that subsidier subsi

the Community". According to informed sources, the Commission's move has come too late to prevent the sale of ar least 10,000 tonnes of surplus butter to the Rus-

sians. The fate of the remainder of the reported 75,000-tonne deal was not immediately clear. The key figure in the butter deal is reported to be M Jean-Baptiste Dumeng, the head of the large southern French agricultural cooperative, Inter-Agra, who was also responsible for the sale of 200,000 tonnes of cut-price EEC butter to Russia in 1973. British view: A spokesman for

the Ministry of Agriculture said in Landon last night that it hoped the Community would be able to find "some equally economic way of disposing of this butter within the Community with the Community within the Community

### Everything now depends on price restraint, Mr Jones says development of the social con- power and influence over prices tract, published in the TGWU have no alibi for allowing acute By Paul Routledge and

Christopher Thomas Trade union leaders yester-Portugal is devaluing the escudo by 15 per cent. Dr Soares, the Prime Minister,

day urged the Chancellor to reflate the economy, and Mr Jack Jones, the chief architect of the social contract, set out his terms for avoiding a con-frontation over pay when the current powers expire in July. The TUC economic committee

met Mr Healey to put forward their annual economic review and asked the Government ro increase demand by more than 52,000m, largely through per-sonal tax cuts. The unions also want mugher price controls and action to reduce unemployment. Mr. Len Murray, general sec-retary of the TUC, said after the meeting at the Treasury: "We believe there is room for some steady expansion of the economy." The Chancellor had apparently shared some of the unions' optimism, arguing that the nation's economic prospects were better than they had been for some months, but he argued strongly against a "quick dash"

for economic growth. For their part the unions said they could not accept the Government's forecast of an infla-tion rate of 15 per cent for the rest of this year, and the TICC
will be seeing Mr Hattersley,
Secretary for Prices and Consumer Protection, and Mr sumer Protection, and Mr Silkin, Secretary for Agricul-ture, to press home their argument over food prices. There may also be a further meeting between the six TUC members of the National Economic Development Council and senior Cabinet ministers before Budget

Restraint urged, page 2 because it captured public Leading article, page 13 attention, Mr Jones's view of

Day, March 29.

assumed a larger significance.

He had said : " Prices are the crux of the matter now. If the Common Market is allowed to revalue the green pound, if the pound sterling should fall again and make import prices rise, if industry is allowed to recoup cost increases and profits inside a prices code designed at the outset by a Tory government, then clearly the unions will have to seek redress.

The way to avoid the danger of such a confrontation, with its inevitable industrial unrest, is for Government, industry and commerce to accept top-priority measures against inflation. Mr Jones's article argued

that important measures were needed to affect prices in the shops and the cost of essential services, such as fuel and fares. Industry should also bring forward investment projects to quicken the creation of new jobs, and industrialists should accept the value of planning agreements with the Govern-

The British trade unions have demonstrated in the past two years to the whole country, and, indeed, to the international economic community that responsible, self-disciplined action can be agreed and carried out. "Now it is essential for industry and commerce to show the same responsibility, resolve

and organizational capacity. Nothing would reinforce the need for this to happen more than a Budget that cuts direct taxes and keeps indirect taxes down, so that people at the top of industry and commerce with

Rider refused licence

The Jockey Club have turned down an application for a licence to ride under National Huot rules by the 58-period

National Huot rules by the 58 year-old Spanish amateur, the Duke of Alburquerque. This decision follows a visit by the Duke to the lockey Club's consultant surgeon, Frank D'Abreu

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Fishing fines: Two Danish trawler skippers fishing inside Britain's 12-mile limit were fined a total of £22,000 and

Brussels: Prime Minister denounces

strikes by railwaymen and other workers as a direct political challenge

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ordered to forfeit their catch

After the meeting with Mr Healey, Mr Jones was optimis-tic that there would be "quite some improvement" in personal taxation in the Budget. If tax

inflation to start again.

concessions were deployed in the right way, he said, they would help the trade union leadership in discussions with the Government over an orderly return to voluntary collective borgaining. borganing.

Mr Jones added: "It is expected that the rate of inflation will decrease in the mouths abead now that to a

large extent the sterling rate has been stabilized. The immodiate objective remains to halve the inflation rate." It was vital to avoid a wage explosion. Everything that had been achieved in the last two years should not be thrown away. "We can endeavour to

away. We can endeavour to plan realistically for more employment and greater invest-

ment if there is an orderly return to voluntary collective bargaining and not scramble", Mr Jones said. It was not yet popularly understood that the economy had suffered considerably not hecause of government policies but because of outside factors. There was an obligation on the trade union movement to find measures with the Government

to bring prices under control

and make a contribution to full

"Today it is difficult for many workers to understand", he said, "that after long years of fairly constant growth, we now have to accept a measure of restraint. That restraint should be shared by every body."

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# Fittleton CO

on one charge injured in a fire Lieutenant-Commander Peter Paget, who was commanding the minesweeper Fittleton last September when it sank in the North Sea, with the loss of 12 lives, was yesterday sentenced to be reprimanded. He had been found guilty of new charge of negligence in conn Moscow's 6,000-bed esiya, rescue workers aze was concentrated poer floors of one cor-e building and between of one charge of negligence in connexion with the collision that caused the disaster. A court martial at Ports 200 rooms appeared to . A fleet of ambulances way the victims.

reprimanded

### EEC vote dilemma

The Cabinet failed to resolve its dilemma over what to do about its commitment to hold direct elections for the European Parliament next year.

Ministers promised a White Paper 2

mouth found him not guilty of three

### U S foreign aid cut over human rights

The Carter Administration is cutting aid to Argentina, Uruguay and Ethiopia because of human rights violations in those countries. Mr Vance, Secretary of State, told a Senate committee. Aid to South Korea and other strategic allies will not be cut Page 4

### Hosenball appeal

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Mr Mark Hosenball, an American jour-nalist, was given leave to appeal to the Queen's Bench Divisional Court against the decision of Mr Rees, Home Secretary, to deport him Mr Philip Age, a former CIA agent, may also apply to the High Court Page 3.

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### White Paper on public expenditure

# Protection of benefits against inflation to be continued

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent The Government has used the new White Paper on public expenditure to announce two important social policy deci-

security benefits against inflation. Secondly, it will make more money available for health and social services if overtaken and may even reach population projections, particu- the level planned for the next children, prove correct.

The decision on social security comes after mounting pressure to stop short-term bene- taking steps to prevent that and teacher training colleges fits, particularly unemployment from distorting expenditure in the next financial year, fits, particularly unemployment benefit, rising in line with in- plans again, flation. MPs have argued that For each of the next two such protection is unfair to wage earners who have no similar protection under the

pay policy.

But benefits were at a low when inflation-proofing was introduced two years ago, and an unemployed family with two children under five would still-be entitled to benefit of less than two thirds of the average

not been swayed by arguments about the relative spending power of people in and out of work. The projection of the cost of the social security budget until 1980-81 is based on the assumption that bene fits will continue to rise in line with inflation.

The White Paper says that the rates of benefit will in-crease in the light of the Government's commitment to rais-ing pensions and other longbenefits in line with prices or earnings, whichever rise most, and the main shortterm benefits in line with

The commitment, embodied 1975, is intended to preserve ment's attitude to subsidi-the value of short-term bene- particularly to British Rail. firs and allow pensions and the tables of capital expendi-other long-term benefits to ture by the nationalized indus-grow in real terms. Unlike tries in 1976-77 and 1977-78 social security, health and show the dominant dependence

in pay, Liberals say

The third phase of incomes

policy for the United Kingdom

should allow no overall in-creases at all. Mr John Pardoe,

Liberal Trensury spokesman, said last night in the Isle of Wight. "The norm is nowt",

he said, summing up his thesis.

Anyone, he said, who was truthful about Britain's state.

wher than partisan, knew that

r'ie British economy had been

in decline for a long time and

that no one government had a monopoly of blame. Neverthe-

less, he saw a danger that the

only kind of Rudset that would

persuade the TUC to negotiate a pay policy would "be an irresponsible Rudget".

Mr David Steel, the Liberal

Party leader, asked in Stech-

ford, Birmingham, whether it was worth saving the Labour Party, which between 1964 and

1974 lost its way. In fulfilling Sir Harold Wilson's desire to

become the party of govern-ment, the price had been paid of loss of principle.

Mr Steel bleakly saw the

Labour Party as a rump of Marxists and state socialists. He

called for a break-out from the stalemate of British politics " by

setting in motion the political

upheaval which Britain so

clearly needs".

In Bristol last night Mr
Whitelaw, Conservative deputy
leader, associated himself
firmly with the Conservative

backbench motion calling for

a new police pay settlement.
Mr Whitelaw, the shadow
Home Secretary, said that the
Government must face the fact

that a number of branches of

the Police Federation had voted in favour of getting the right

to strike and the proposal would certainly be debated at

the federation conference in

May. "The Government", he said, "should ponder very seri-

ously what these moves might

Granted a strike, the police

would never be looked on in the same light again; their whole standing and effectiveness

By Our Political Staff

irresponsible Budget ".

maintained.

The limit on personal social financial year. services for 1976-77 has been ly over elderly people and year. That has been caused by unavoidable increases in costs of residential and day care services, but the Government is

vears £6m will be transferred from capital to current expenditure and £9m from 1979-80 onwards. That will give a small But benefits were at a low margin for increased current level compared with wages expenditure next year, but it will also mean that fewer new residential and day care pro-pects can be built. That in turn will reduce the future running costs caused by capital pro-

The Government is waiting The White Paper makes it for new population projections clear that the Government has to be made available this not been swayed by arguments autumn before deciding firm plans for the health services. Present projections predict an upturn in the birth rate, which has been falling since the mid-

#### Transport

By Michael Hatfield

Cabinet ministers, faced with

an early government commit-ment to its European partners

to hold direct elections for the

European Parliament next year,

failed to agree at a meeting

vesterday how to resolve the party political dilemma in-volved.

In crude political terms,

there are those in the Cabinet

who maintain their deep-felt

opposition to Britain's member-

ship of the European Com-

munity and who will never be

satisfied with any solution

agreed in Cabinet, and there

constitutional Bill after seeing

the disastrous consequences flowing from the commitment

Police appeal for

killing of student
By a Staff Reporter

Detectives hunting the killer of a coloured student who was

shot outside a London railway

station on Thursday night be-lieve that he was the victim of

a chance encounter and that

The man, aged 21, from Cameroun, West Africa, was shot in the chest after he had

been involved in an argument

with two white men outside a

restaurant near Paddington

The two men disappeared into

an underground station and

may have escaped through

another exit. The student died

Police have appealed for witnesses. The description they

have of the two men is that

one was aged about 18 and the other 20 to 21. The student was

more than 6ft 4in tall and

in hospital.

witnesses to

are the pragmatists who are

The figures for transport expenditure are almost wholly tentative, since a separate transport White Paper is expected in May, based on the policy review published last year (our Planning Reporter writes). That is expected to give a much clearer idea of the likely uture balance between invest ment in roads and in public transport, and the Government's attitude to subsidies, The tables of capital expendi-

First, it will not bow to presitably and some flexibility is Trunk road and local road prosure to stop protecting social needed if standards are to be grammes are each reduced by about £100m in the coming

#### Lducation

There will be no increase in the total number of academic staff employed in universities, further education institutions according to figures on educa-tion expenditure published in the White Paper (David Dickson writes).

The higher and further edu-

capital expenditure.

Nor does the further outlook
seem much brighter. The
White Paper estimates that current and capital expenditure on higher and further education will increase to £2,118m by 1980-81. an increase of only 3.7 per cent on the figure of £2,041m for 1976-77. Total expenditure for 1977-78 will be £1,990m, a decrease of 2.5 per cent on the figure for the present year. The reducwill be 1 per cent, and in capital expenditure 19.4 per

The White Paper says that pupil numbers in primary and secondary schools are expected to fall by nearly 700,000 be-tween 1976 and 1981, and that the decline in primary numbers already under way

will accelerate. Secondary pupil numbers are expected to fall after reaching a peak in 1978-79. However, the rising trend for pupils roluntarily to pursue their education beyond the minimum leaving age, which is in-creasing more rapidly than pre-

vesterday's

meeting the authorized version

was that the Cabinet had re-

affirmed its "best endeavours"

to meet the election target date

of May or June, 1978. The Cabinet also decided to publish

a "White Paper with Green

edges" within the next few

weeks setting out the Govern-

come in further Cabinet com-

mittee meetings is what sort of electoral system the Goveru-ment should adopt or propose for elections to the European

Parliament. Every method has

its snares for the Labour Party.

Among the proposals con-sidered yesterday was the "list

The difficulty to be over-

No increase | Cabinet fails to resolve EEC vote dilemma

more money if necessary has been taken because it is clear Short-term cuts fall mainly, the movement of population that some costs will rise inevals as expected, on road building and should make possible itably and some flexibility is Trunk road and local road promotest programmes for the construction of special schools and for the repair of very poor

> In England and Wales provision has been made for staffing sufficient to maintain 1976standards, and from 1977-78 for the gradual expansion of in-service training and beginning of induction training for newly trained teachers.

#### Law and order

A decline in the conditions of prison life and the state of prison establishments is foreration sector will also be shadowed. Based on the assumprequired to make more intensive use of other resources.
and will be subject to continuing severe restrictions on
capital expenditure.

Nor does the further outlink projects, producing 4.750 more places (Marcel Berlins writes). From 1977-78, however, capital expenditure will decline sharply, from £41m in 1977-78

> Probation and after-care services will also suffer. Although some increase in staff and extension of projects such as community service schemes are envisaged, the rate of growth will be much smaller than forecast last year. Probation and bail hostels, and day train ing schemes, are among other

In one of its few optimistic

to £20m in 1980-81.

passages, the White Paper shows that police recruitment has grown faster than was expected. The revised forecast for police strength in March, 1980, is more than 127,000, an increase of nearly 3.000 over the figure estimated in a White Paper last year, although still below the authorized establishment of 130.150. Civilian staff, including traffic wardens, will, however, be reduced from about 49,000 to 42,000 in 1980.

rional representation is possi-

ble, but that raises fears that

once the principle has been

adopted there would be no way

of objecting legitimately to a

similar system for elections to

Whatever the Government

finally devises as being acceptable to the majority in the Com-mons, one of the main

considerations among Cabinet

ministers is that it may not be

able to command the whole-

hearted support of Labour back-

benchers and will therefore have to rely on the votes of

the Conservative Party in the

There are serious doubts

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therefore meet strong object widest possible consultation, tions in the present party and it clearly throws doubts

'Adverse effect' of their

the Westminster Parliament.

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Short-term turns fall mainly, the movement of population of new works will resonance construction will be approved. In 1980-81 a very three news will resonance of new works will resonance of new works will resonance of new works. Capital expenditure on under construction will be may be possible. Because of the increased expenditure on higher courts necessitated by the rise in both civil and criminal cases, approved building, programmes will have to be postponed.

#### Housing

The most striking feature of the projected housing expenditure for the next two years is a sharp decline in local authoring investment (more than 16 per cent), and an increase in subsidies of more than 10 per cent (John Young writes).

The figures would appear to confirm the widely expressed view that the rising burden of subsidies is seriously eating into the resources available for new construction and renovanew construction and renova-tion. Projections for new coun-cil house building, for exam-ple, drop from \$1.293m in 1976-77 to \$1,036m in 1978-79.

The official explanation is found to be heavily overspending on building programmes in the middle of last year, and that the latest figures merely represent the tightening of controls announced in July.

Housing construction areas of acute stress, mainly in the larger cities, will not be restricted, it is emphasized. although councils elsewhere may find it generally more difobtain government loan sanction.

The White Paper points out that the higher figure for sub-sidies is mainly because of prospective increases in loan charges, which represent on average about two thirds of total revenue expenditure. It also suggests that the continualso suggests that he ing sharp reduction in local authority mortgage lending (£116m in 1977-78, compared with £737m in 1974-75) will be

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, the

minister responsible for pro-

ducing the White Paper, said

last night in Aberfan that the

measure was of "major consti-

tutional importance". He added: "We need to know

what we are doing before we

embark upon such an important

that, but after yesterday's Cabi-

net meeting he is conscious of

the fact that he has to recon-

cile a wide divergence of views

and reach a position that will not only satisfy his ministerial

colleagues but also meet with

majority support on the Govern-

Mr Callaghan said some time

ment's intention to win parlia-

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the last thing the Prime Minis-

ter wants is to have to court

the Conservatives to ensure the

Warning for Britain, page 3

Leading article, page 13

He would not elaborate on

piece of legislation".

ment back benches.

Bill's success.

ing societies. From 1979 onwards the

Government expects a rise in housing investment, but no details are provided partly because councils have been promised a single capital allocation, with freedom to determine spending priorities, and partly because the future pattern of expenditure is likely to be determined by the outcome of the Government's housing

#### The arts

reduction than 52m in spending on the arts over the next two years, forecast in last year's expenditure White Paper, has been averted. Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, minister respon-sible for the arts, announced yesterday (Kenneth Gosling writes).

Had the cuts been made, he said, it would have meant the closure of one of the main arts institutions or something very near it.
As it is, in spite of "some

pretty savage cuts in capital expenditure". the present level of spending will be maintained to take account of inflation. That means that Arts Council grants, to be probably go up by something like 55m for 1277-78, lifting the total to about £42m.

Projected expenditure on museums and galleries, set out in volume two of the Government's expenditure plans, shows a small built-in increase. but Lord Donaldson explained that the three capital expand-iture cuts made in the past were accepted as a matter

of policy.
It would be possible in 1977-78 to finish the extension to the Tate Gallery, the building of new galleries at the British Museum and Science Museum. representing a 56m investment and to start work on the exten-sion of the Victoria and Albert Museum at a cost £1,500,000.

# commander of the minesweeper Fittleton, which sank last September with the loss of 12 lives after colliding with the frigate Mermaid in the North The court martial had 1

Sea, was last night found guilty of one charge of negligence. He was sentenced to be reprimanded, the lightest penalty possible.

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A court martial at Portsmouth found Commander Paget, aged 44, not guilty of three other charges of negligence, including the most serious one of allowing his ship to be lost.

Commander Paget, who works in a London shipping office, was found guilty of hazarding his ship due to his negligence in failing to reduce speed drastically and then alter away in small steps to extricate the Fittleton from a dangerous position close alongside the Mer-

After the hearing, whose find-ings have to be confirmed, Commander Paget said that he would continue to serve in the Royal Naval Reserve. " It is, and always has been, a great part of my life", he said.

Commander guilty of only one charge Lieutenant-Commander Peter that was set up for the beiling Paget, the Royal Naval Reserve of the six widows and commander of the minesweeper problems of the minesweeper problems of the six widows and commander of the minesweeper problems of the six widows and commander of the minesweeper problems of the six widows and commander of the minesweeper problems of the six widows and commander peter that was set up for the beiling problems.

> evidence in mitigation h. commanding officer for a collision. A month befor Admiralty for the way he controlled a seven-vessel se

down at sea. The loss of the Fittleton the worst naval reserve dis since the war. Lest night Ministry of Defence said evidence given in any t martial was invariably sin-for its broader implications

for a yacht that had been

During the hearing, the parison was made between standards expected of reser and their full-time naval. leagues. Reservists and general shore training and attached to a ship for two we always has been, a great part of my life", he said.

And he added that he would continue to support the fund our training a year.

### Article on union chief a satire'

Mr Paul Foot, former editor of the Socialist Worker, said in the High Court yesterday that a newspaper article about Mr Clive Jenkins and his union's cheap Spanish holidays for members was "a weapon of

A number of the union's members had been angered at the decision to provide holidays in Spain, Mr Foor said. "We also were angry that a British trade union should encourage holidays to Spain and that Clive Jenkins and his union were, in our opinion, offering comfort to the Franco regime."

Mr Fort said that the article, published in Socialist Worker on Lebruary 15, 1975, under the heading "Spain, Fly Me, I'm Clive" was "a satire, skit, lampoon, parody or spoof".

"No one reading the article would believe that Clive had become an air bostess and a courier around General Franco's prisons, or that he could take a sadistic and ghoulish pleasure in watching the garrotting of Spanish socialists", he added.

He was giving evidence in defence to a libel action brought by Mr Jenkins, general of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS).
The action is against Mr Foot, Socialist Worker Printers and Publishers Ltd, and S. W. Litho Printers Ltd, all of Berhoal Green, London.

Mr Jenkins and the union claim that the article implied that they condoned and approved of General Franco's fascist regime. The defendants deny libel.

They claim that the article was fair comment written without

The hearing continues - ΟΩ Monday.

Correction YKK fasteners, described in the Special Report on Runcorn, is not the "only wholly owned Japanese company in Britain". It is one of

### 'Confidence broken' on fraud letter:

By Our Social Services

Mr fain Sproat Conse-tive MP for Aberdeen, So told his constituency party night that the Government "sunk to a new low in the d tricks department" by show The Times confidential lett on social security abuse that had forwarded for invest.

tion.
Mr Orme, Minister
Social Security, had brol
confidence in a way totally c trary to accepted parliam tary practice, Mr Sproat st It was an arrogant abuse by to bureaucracy of the rights of backbench MP.

"More important, it is abuse of ordinary men, a women who have the constitutional right to expect that classes.

servants and ministers shot respect their confidence."

"It is ironic that I was to early in my campaign to stap out abuse that I as an M could not discuss such marte

with civil servants because the were prohibited under the Official Secrets Act." A selection of the letters to warded by Mr. Sproat we shown to me during the ap-

week. All had correspondent names and addresses remove by Mr Sproat before have them to Mr Orme. The arm that subsequently appeared not identify any people whom suspicion was throw most of whom, investigationshowed, were not abusing soci

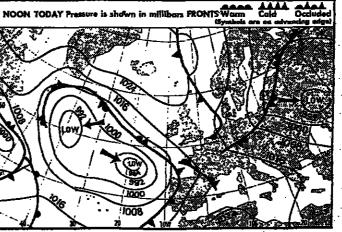
### Strike will affect sport on TV

BBC outside broadcast tele sion cameramen based in Lo don have been instructed

strike today between 2 pm at 5:30 pm. Some of the spor coverage for Grandstand ( BBC 1 will be affected.

The action which has be called for by the Association Broadcasting and Allied Staff is over a grading claim and w involve about fifty camerame

### Weather forecast and recordings



Today Tomorrow Moon sets: Moon rises: 1.36 am 10.38 am Foll moon : March 5. Full moon: March 5.
Lighting up: 6.7 pm to 6.18 am.
High water: London Bridge, 7.51
am, 5.7m (18.7ft); 8.23 pm, 5.5m
(18.4ft). Avonmouth, 12.3 am,
9.7m (31.7ft); 12.41 pm, 9.4m
(30.7ft). Dover, 5.0 am, 5.1m
(16.8ft); 5.52 pm, 5.0m (16.3ft).
Hull, 12.11 pm, 5.4m (17.7ft).
Liverpool, 5.6 am, 7.0m (23.0ft);
5.46 pm, 6.9m (22.7ft).

iceland with an intensifying ridge

London, Central S England: Rain or sleer in places early, hecoming brighter and mainly dry: wind N. light: max temp 5°C

burgh, Dundee : Sunny intervals, occasional wintry showers, mainly near E coast; wind N. light; Max temp 4°C (39°F). Channel Islands: rain, becoming brighter; wind NE, light; max temp 7°C (45°F).

SW England, S Wales: Dry. bright or sunny periods after carly fog patches: wind E, light; max temp 6° to 8°C (43° to 46°F).

Midlands, Central N England:

Mainly dry, sunny intervals; wind

N light; Max temp 5°C (41°F).

E. NE England, Borders, Edin-

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;

Sun sets.: 5.37 pm



Outlook for tomorrow and Mo day: Mainly dry with snmy inte vals, a few wintry showers over Britain, rain or sleet spreading SW; rather cold; night frost &

esterday

London: Temp., max. 6 and 1.00 form. 9°C (48°F); min, 6 pi col. 6 pm, 9°C (48°F); min, 6 pi col. 6 pm, 71 per cent. Rain, 24k of pm, 71 per cent. Sm, 24hr. 18 pm, 0.2hr. Bar, mean sea level of pm, 1,011.9 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53ia.



### Consumers call for food price restraint by EEC By Hugh Clayton Agricultural Correspondent

would be reduced.

to the Middle East and Russia showed that the Community dis-criminated against its own consumers, the Consumers' Asso-ciation said yesterday. Brussels was selling butter outside the EEC for less than a third of the British shop price but it wanted to raise the British price by a third this year by increasing farm support prices for milk. Dr William Roberts, head of the public affairs unit of the association, said: "Let national governments support their own farmers more. If you want to support farmers do not do it through a food tax."

cide on its approach to the imminent fixing of farm prices Sales of cut-price EEC butter

for the coming year.

The Consumers' Association called for severe restraint on support prices, coupled with drastic reform of the EEC farm policy. The larest proposals for Britain from the European Com-mission entail increases in food prices from two sources. There would be higher support prices and a devaluation of the "green

Other increases will be in-escapable as Britain's prices rise during the year to full EEC "The extra increases proposed by the Commission are intolerable and unnecessary". the association said. Leading article, page 13

He was speaking before leaving for Brussels, where the EEC

Effect on British food prices of proposed EEC changes in farm support. 713p 674p 223p 274p 26p 1/b butter 1/b chesse 1 large sliced lost 3/5 bag flour 1kg bag sugar

Sources: Department of Employment, Consumers' Association.

#### scarching for a way of meeting the commitment without creat-Government will be able to get the direct elections Bill system", foreign to British procedures but dominant in elections Bill Europe. It would have the adthrough Parliament in time to The Prime Minister is among meet next year's target date. A "White Paper with Green vantage for the Government of the latter group, although he contemplates with some appreensuring Labour representation Europe, but would be based edges" is a clear indication hension the prospect of another that the Government wants the on party patronage and would

Again, some form of propor-

tions in the

work worries broadcasters By Kenneth Gosling A survey of the state of social research into broadcasting in Britain has disclosed a "gnawing anxiety" among broadcasters about their responsibility for the alleged there was no motive for his

adverse effect of broadcasting's casual language on speech and thought and the possible encouragement of emotionality, as opposed to rationality, in the making of political judgments.

Professor Elihu Katz, Professor of Sociology and director of the Communications Institute at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, gave the results of his survey in a BBC lunch-time lecture vesterday. The survey was made at the invitation of the BBC and took 15 months. months.

He said that the broadcasters with whom he spoke wondered if broadcasting was rulgarizing the institutions of their society and its culture. Not all had

the number of abortions had

declined since 1974 by 8 per

cent and that last year there

were 100,000 abortions per-

formed on women living in

England and Wales, but abor-

tions were rising as a percent-

Even if a quarter of what he

had been told about abuse in

the private sector was true,

there was still a great deal to

The debate was herce on both

It was difficult to follow the

reasoning of Mrs Renée Short, Labour MP for Wolverhampton, North-east, when she spoke with much approval of the letter from 1,200 doctors to the

Prime Minister protesting against the Bill but dismissed

sgainst the Bill but dismissed scornfully as "phoney public opinion" the petition from 10,000 people in the medical profession who said that the Bill did not go far enough to control abuses.

"I suppose it is easy to get

10,000 Catholic nurses and

doctors to sign a petition", she

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age of live births.

Second reading for Bill to

reform abortion law

asked such Procedures for monitoring sensitive areas, such as politics, industry, race, and sexual matters, might provide a bulwark against the charge of bias, he

on the Government's announced "best endeavours".

"The power of broadcasting is never greater than in a cli-mate of the decline of authority. Some broadcasters fear that this climate breeds an over-

concern with playing safe"; others feared that it might breed too much licence.
But all were agreed, he said,
that only the rules—the institutional arrangements of a democratic society on the one hand, and the professional rules of broadcasting on the other-could safeguard broadcasting

"There is a growing awareness", he added, "that broadcasting has lost touch with the widening spectrum of social views and values, and that many voices go unheard".

said. The Bill was based on an

unbalanced select committee

composed of members opposed

for Essex South-East, agreed that the 1967 Act had reduced

suffering, but he said the scan-dal of illegal abortions had not

ended. Fortunes had been

made by unscrupulous operators

and the present arrangements

discriminated against the poor.

Earlier Mr Moyle had accepted that an issue important to the sponsors of the Bill

was the time after which an

abortion should not be allowed

to a particular woman. The number of abortions carried out

after the twentieth week of pregnancy was less than I per

cent of all abortions, and less

than a fifth of that number

were performed after 24 weeks. The case for legislation there-

fore was not urgent.
A move by the Bill's opponents to have the measure

sent to a committee of the whole House instead of to a smaller

standing committee was rejected by 137 votes to 109, a majority

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against the motion of 28.

Sir Bernard Braine, Tory MP

to the original Act

### Tories claim 9pc swing in byelection poll

The Conservative Party calculated a swing of 9.25 per cent in the by-election on Thursday when Mr Peter Brooke held the Cities of London and Westminster, South. The result was:

P. Brooke (C) M. Noble (Lab) 11,962 3,997 A. Scrimgeour (L)
P. Kavanagh (Nat Front)
P. Mitchell (Homosexual 1,981 1,051 Rights)
M. Lobb (Nat Party)
D. Delderfield (New Britain)
W. Boakes (Air, Road, 306 61 Public Safety) R. Herbert (Christ. Crown, Country)
W. Thompson (Christian, 47 Anti-Porn)

C majority 7,965 General Election: C. S. Tugendhat (Cl. 14,350; P. J. Turner (Lab), 8,589; T. G. Underwood (L), 4,122; D. Baxter (Nat Front), 686.

C majority. 5.761. The Conservatives claimed a 9.25 per cent swing. The percentage poll was

Y'day Oct '74 Change (%) (%) (%) 89 53.2 -14.2 Electorate 51,171 52,170 All candidates except Conservative and Labour fost their deposits.

### Young Socialists win control in Lever seat

Young Socialists have won control of the constituency Labour Party at Manchester, Central, the seat of Mr Harold Lever, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. But they denied the takeover would mean a leftwing coup against Mr Lever. The Young Socialists won the positions of chairman, vicechairman, secretary, treasurer and propaganda secretary at the annual meeting on Tuesday.

Mr Lever, the Government's chief financial adviser, was unable to attend the meeting because a three-line whip neant he had to be in the Commons for the devolution Bill debate.

### Campaign starts for council polls By Christopher Warman

Local Government Correspondent

Under the banner, "Cam-paigning for victory", the Con-servative Party today launches its main attack aimed at the

spokesman on the environment, has started the campaign in Durham, the one county the party failed to capture in 1967. but the annual local govern-ment conference in London marks an increasing imperus. with keynote speeches from Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the

of State for the Environment. The party has not yet announced its alternative, and supporters of the rating system if

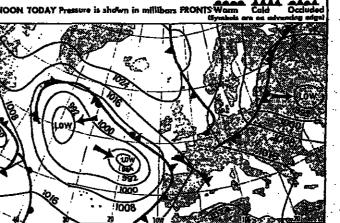
local government elections on May 5.
Mr Heselrine, Opposition

He is expected to emphasize the party's pledge to abolish domestic rates, which is bound to be popular with electors as they face rate rises close to the national average of 15 per cent

Opposition, and from Mr Heseltine.

forecast by Mr Shore, Secretary

it is improved do not see how the rates, which will raise nearly £5,000m next year, can



First quarter: 2.50 am. Lighting up: 6.5 pm to 6.21 am. High water: London Bridge, 6.50 high water: London Bridge, 6.50 am, 6.2m (20.2ft): 7.20 pm, 6.0m (19.7ft). Avonmouth, 11.42 am, 9.9m (32.6ft). Dover, 3.48 am, 5.5m (17.9ft): 4.27 pm, 5.2m (17.0ft). Hull, 11.2 am, 5.7m (18.7ft): 11.29 pm, 5.6m (18.3ft). Liverpool, 4.1 am, 7.3m (24.0ft): 4.33 pm, 7.2m (23.6ft).

### An anticyclone will persist near extending SE across Britain. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight.

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Patrol submarines of the 1st Submarine Squadron at HMS Dolphin, Gosport. In the foreground (from left) are the Oberon class boats, HMS Otus, HMS Oracle and HMS Ocelot.

### Boy aged six feared drowned as flooding affects homes and roads

A boy aged six was feared drowned after falling into the Ockbrook at Borrowash, in Derbyshire, one of the areas worst affected by fluoding yesterday.

Andrew Clements and his brother had been playing on a rope over the brook, which had flooded the village to a depth of between four and five feet overnight. By last night it was receding.

Hundreds of acres of land in the east and west Midlands was submerged yesterday under floodwater after nearly eighty hours of continuous rain and about ninety roads were anifected. The police said 25

were impassable. The blocked roads included the A61 Dercy Chesterfield road, where there was three feet of water at one point, the A 50 Uttoxeter road and the A 33, south of Derby.

For the second time in a fortnight the village of Egginton, south of Derby, was cut off by flooding. Farther south extensive flooding affected Hereford, Worcester and Warwickshire.

Hundreds of selmon are swimming up the river Trent into Nottinghamshire and

From Our Correspondent

Mr Charles Whiteley, a former Birmingham University

professor, shared special views with his wife about life and

death, an inquest jury in Bir-

ningham was told yesterday. She believed her life was her

own to take and the professor, aged 65, zgreed that he would not prevent her committing

The jury was told that last

November he watched as she swallowed a lethal overcose of

tablets, which she washed down with whisky, and then collapsed.

ant pathologist, said it would have taken Mrs Winifred Whiteley, aged 63, of Tenbury Avenue, King's Heath, Birming-

ham, at least an hour to die.

the impression that Britain's

new regulations were necessary

to comply with EEC regulations,

"It would appear to me that

they have deliberately misled

Farliament and the public." His reading of the directives had

been confirmed by a manufac-

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the cash system had been source by the Government's fallure to te'l the truth about

why tricycles were being phased our and because their drivers were left uncertain whether they would have a vehicle in future.

night that it was meeting

European safety regulations voluntarily, but the vehicle had

reached its design limits and could not be expected to meet

the increasingly strict inter-national regulations in the future. The vehicle has already

been modified to meet more stringent standards of the Department of the Environ-

The department said last

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Dr F. E. D. Griffiths, consult-

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way in the floods while search-ing for their breeding rivers. It is one of the biggest run of solmon seen in the river within memory.

were smashed, eight were sunk and others were swept away, the river authority

reported yesterday. Ratcliffe on Soar, Nottinghamsbire, was reported cut off by floods.

Watnall, a small village near Nottingham, has had 180mm of rain this month, or about seven inches, the London Weather Centre said.

The centre has a weather station at Watnall and records show it has had the wettest February since records began in 1941. Elmdon airport. Birming-ham, has had 134.5mm of rain. the wettest February there since records began in 1940.

the Midlands which has re-mained virtually stationary for

flooded.

Man 'watched wife take her life'

Professor Whiteley waited until

to God, in whom she did not

helieve, or to the state, but

Professor Whiteley was alleged to have told the police

after reporting his wife's death:

I made an agreement during

the summer that if she wanted to take her own life I wanted to

be there and I would not stop

ber. She told me this morning

that she wanted to take her life.

only to herself."

she was dead before he tele-phoned to the family doctor, it Sex and Morals and Permissive

their homes at Cross Gates, Leeds, when heavy cain opened up a 30ft diameter hole in the ground. The police said heavy rain had moved soil and a con-Floodwater caused damage crete cap sealing a 100-year-old command at \$100,000 to boats ventilation shaft to a mine fell on the river Trent. Twelve down the shaft.

Widespread flooding was re-ported in East Anglia, with thousands of acres of marsh and farmland under water.

In Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire and Wiltshire motorists faced another hazard. fog. In the North snow blocked many main roads and all routes over the Pennines. Emergency telephones were out of order.

In London the Thames, with 120 times the amount of water rushing down it than at the height of last summer's drought, was still on the point of bursting its banks last night. The Thames Water Authority

The weather centre said the said that its "red alert" was reason was a belt of rain across still on. Widespread flooding had not occurred because there nained virtually stationary for had been only 0.09in of rain our days.

In Leicestershire hundreds of over the river's 5,000 square homes in the Loughborough and miles catchment area. Multon Monbray areas were river level was static but heavy Two families had to leave many places.

was found to have no charts whatsoever of the western part of the Channel. The navigation gear was useless and the radar

wrs stated.

Mr Thomas Ceoffrey Ayres, of Moseley. Birmingham, a friend of the couple, seid: "She had no religious convision."

Mex and Morals and Permissive Morality, told the jury: "I did nothing. I could have done if I had tried".

The coroner said: "This is th was impossible for the skipper to say precisely where he was. Between them the trawlers, which were escorted to Plyhad no religious convictions whatsoever. Over many years she said her body was her responsibility. It did not belong Suicide Act to aid and abet." of pilchards and mackerel, worth at least \$12,000. If the jury considered the professor to have been suffi-

The magistrates ruled that unless the fines within seven days they would issue a distress warrant against the trawlers. Meanwhile the vessels were to be detained in

### Two Danish trawler skippers to

pay £22,000

Two Danish trawler skippers who were caught fishing inside Britain's 12-mile limit were fined a total of £22,000 and ordered to forfeit their catch, worth about £12,000, by magistrates in Plymouth yesterday.

The court was told that the skippers blundered because they were unaware that the Eddystone Rock, technically an island, 10 miles off the Deron coast, marked the official beginning of the 12-mile zone. It was not until they were

It was not until they were boarded by officers from the Royal Navy minesweeper Cuxton just over eight miles to seaward of Eddystone that they realized they were "poaching"

ing".

Gustav Loth, aged 36, of the
Bente Loth, and Jorn Andersen,
aged 30, of the Singo, both
admitted contravening the Sea Fishery Limits Act, 1976. Mr Loth, who had a previous

cuviction for breaking the 12-mile limit, off Redcar in 1971, when he was fined £500, was fined £12,000. Mr Andersen was fined £10,000, and each man had to pay 570 costs.

is one of the early cases under the 1976 Act, it must be clearly understood that fishing agreements between EEC countries must be upheld and enforced. these vessels arrived so ill-equipped, and expensibility of this kind will not be tolerated.\*\*

Mr Collins said that since the 1976 Act came into force EEC countries were given some pre-ference in fishing. But in some areas there was a 12-mile limit for the exclusive use of British fishermen. After bitter com-plaints by local boats, the Cuxton found the 120ft Danish

vessels trawling.

When the Bente Loth was boarded, he added, the skipper

The jury returned a verdict Mr Loth said after the case: "We are going to appeal. It was a big price to pay for a genuine mistake." He would self. Det Sergeant Sidney Reeves said earlier that papers on the case had been submitted have to sell his boat to pay the

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Feb 25
A new daily newspaper, Le
Matin de Paris will make its

Mr Miles Clarke, chairman, ordered that both skippers' catches should be forfeited and sold. He said: "Although this

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, through Mr Hilary Collins, had asked the bench to impose the maximum penalties, a £50,000 fine and confiscation of both gear and

was not working.

"The skipper had no idea where he was", Mr Collins said. The other vessel had a very small-scale chart and it mouth, had on board 350 tons

Plymouth.

# Automation 'could make

By Our Arts Reporter The twin technologies of

ciently negligent to warrant a

verdict of manslaughter he

would have to be committed for trial.

that Mrs Whiteley killed her-

to the Director of Public Prose-

the library's work, and could disembowel the other half, unless we understand why and how we must intensify the traditional methods of using a library for the study of literature."

Lord Eccles, chairman of the British Library, who was open-ing the new library at the Uni-versity of St Andrews, said he was not suggesting a campaign against the use of computers;

were, in understanding people, in achieving some order in your own thoughts or at least in

learning how to put up with life. The data-bases and on-line terminals will not be of much help "You will want to share the experience, recollected and ordered in their writings, of poets, dramatists, theologians, historians and novelists. Literature does not copy the world. It selects and designs patterns which you cannot see at first hand because you are too entangled with reality.

"This kind of knowledge is best pursued by handling books and manuscripts in your own time at your own pace."

We were beginning to sober

up from the orgy of social statistics and technological discoveries. The unanswered question was whether academic libraries were going to put as much effort into rethinking their presentation of literature as they were bound to put into enlarging their computerized information services. "I am optimistic", he said.

#### Battle of Britain | Decision later in case of widow's will Mr Justice Walton reserved

judgment yesterday in the High Court dispute over the last will of Mrs Violet Salmon, a colonel's widow, of Tewksbury,

Police Sergeant Kenneth Davies, of Bishop's Cleeve, Gloucestershire, is asking the judge to uphold the will made in August, 1973, three months before Mrs Salmon died, aged 80. Under that will be receives the bulk of her estate of \$200,000.

Davies's favour.

#### Jail dispute ends Prison officers at Leicester jail have called off their action in refusing to escort prisoners

AA fees raised The Automobile Association station. Radio Caroline. with 1500d, linen and wine. The fines ranged from 1,000 francs (£117) from April 1, it was announced to 5,000 francs.—Reuter. WEST EUROPE.

### French print union gives way over technology

### New left-wing daily newspaper to appear in Paris on Tuesday

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first appearance on Tuesday. At first sight, the background and timing hardly seem favourable. The future of the press, the Paris press at least, is these days painted in the blackest of colours.

A whirlwind is sweeping through it, dismantling old newspaper strongholds like the Prouvost and Hachette groups, and thrusting new ones to the top, like the Hersant empire. Such pillars of the press as Le Figaro, France-Soir and Paris-Match, have changed hands just like any ordinary commercial undertaking, with little or no consultation with their staff.

The unsettled conflict at Le Parisien Libéré, nearly two years old, continues to threaten

the delicate financial health of many of the 10 surviving Paris newspapers. (There were three times as many at the time of the liberation.) In the past 12 months, it was the cause of seven strikes, a number of incidents between its striking printers and the police, and of a substantial loss of advertising revenue. It has also had the effect of increasing the disaffection of readers with news-papers generally, for the bene-fit of radio and television.

To launch a new news-paper on such storm-tossed waters therefore seems a very reckless undertaking. Yet M. Claude Perdriel, the editor-inchief of Le Matin de Paris, is no wide-eved amateur with his head in the clouds. A highly successful businessman, gradu-ated from the Ecole Polytechnique, he acquired the ailing independent left-wing news magazine Le Nouvel Observateur, and in just over 10 years, turned it into a highly successful undertaking, with a circulation of about 300,000.

In a letter to the readers of the magazine, calling for finan-cial support, he claimed that the press was being handed over to the "powers of money". And that pluralism of information was under sentence of death in

France. There was therefore the need—and the market—for a great left-wing daily news-

At any rate, he does not believe in doing things by halves. Six hundred thousand copies of the first number of Le Matin de Paris are being printed. Thanks both to contributions by Le Nouvei Observateur, to the response of readers, and to shareholders of the magazine who are "politically acceptable", he has got together some 20m francs (£2.2m) which he considers more than enough for a start. He reckons that the newspaper can break even with a circulation of 120,000, and would be doing very well with

would be doing very well with 200,000.

It will be a 32-page tabloid, reminiscent of some of the more successful weeklies, with a single photograph on the front page. It is "popular" in layout, and in style, but serious in content rather after the pattern of the defunct Lisbon Republica, appealing to middle managers, intellectuals, specialmanagers, intellectuals, specialized workers, and the young, who find Le Monde boring, as one of the assistant editors told

Its aim is to come closer to the British concept of a newspaper, give up abstract treatment of news, and deal with it in a more concrete fashion, separating fact from comment.

The newspaper is produced in offset on six columns from what it claims is the most modern plant in Paris. One of its financial assets is that it has been able to negotiate a very favourable agreement with the all-powerful printers' union, affiliated to the communist-led CGI, which imposes a closed shop in Paris newspapers and enforces gross overmanning. This is one of the sources of the financial difficulties of the press in general.

In the case of Le Matin de Paris, the printers' union was given to understand that it had or there would be no newspaper at all. This marks a turning point in the attitude of the illustrated business tabloid with union, and the tacir acknowledg- a circulation of about 100,000. point in the attitude of the

its face against the new tech-nology, and refuse any adjust-ment of working procedures which were laid down in 1925.
The new technology is making rapid progress in the provinces, where 20 newspapers have already adopted offset composition, and others are about to follow suit.

While the provincial press financially at least—has been going from strength to strength thanks to reorganization, concentration, modernization of production, and a virtual monoproduction, and a virtual mono-poly of readers in each region, the Paris press has been through a severe crisis, which is not yet over. Some experts consider that there is a viable market for only two morning and two evening newspapers in Paris. But the future is not as bleak as it appears. In fact, two other daily newspapers are being planned.

One is to be an economic daily, which M Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, the chief proprietor of the weekly news magazine L'Express intends to launch sometime in the autumn together with Sir James Gold-

The other is to be a conserva tive evening newspaper which M Joseph Fontanet, a former Centralist minister, is planning with the financial support of several banks and of a supermarket group, for about the

The new economic newspaper would be partly financed by Sir James Goldsmith's purchase of some 40 per cent of the shares of the L'Express group. Negotiations are well advanced and the French Government has given its approval. Sir James has both French and British nationality. He would take an active part, M Servan-Schreiber, in running the newspaper.

M Servan-Schreiber is known consider the launching of this newspaper as a political act of support for the Government explaining its economic objectives. He is thinking of an

Spain considers

of police powers

The Spanish Cabinet met

today to consider extending the

special emergency powers of the

police for another month. Since

January 31 the police have been

authorized to search and seize

without warrant and to hold prisoners for up to 10 days

without charge in cases of sus-

pected terrorism. These powers, granted to help the police in

the search for terrorists, will

A magistrate today ordered

Señor Mariano Sanchez Covisa,

leader of the right-wing Warriors for Christ the King,

to be held at Carabanche

prison pending trial in con-

expire in a few days

leader of

From Our Correspondent

extension

Madrid, Feb 25

### Britain given warning on European election delay

By Our Political Editor Candid comments on the state was not volunteering British Government's attitude towards direct elections to the European Parliament came that he was not volunteering judgments, but merely replying to press questions.

He said that because of the

Mother, the Foreign Secretary, the Speaker of the House of Commons and members of the Westminster delegation to the European Parliament, M European Parliament, M Spenale left no doubt that the eight other EEC countries expect Britain to be as good as Mr Callaguan's word and to ensure comprehensive direct elections in May or June of

next year.

Speaking while the Cabinet was meeting at 10 Downing Street to settle policy on direct elections, M Spenale said: "Personally I would find it rather uppleasant to ask the eight to take their pace from the one country that falls behind schedule."

He did not think it realistic to

He did not think it realistic to postpone direct elections. Nevertheless, he conceded that "we are starting from geo-political, constitutional, and structural laws that make it very difficult".

M Spenale expressly asked

European Parliament came He said that because of the from M Georges Spenale, the nationality problem in some French president of the Parliastates it was impossible even ment, in London yesterday.

At the end of a visit during a uniform system of election to which he has seen the Queen the European Parliament could be devised. M Spenale was replying to a

question as to whether the other eight could proceed if Britain failed to meet its commitment. He also made the point that in a European parliamentary election EEC nationals living in a Community country other allowed to vote, and he argued that there was no reason why a French candidate should not stand in Britain for his party group, or a Briton in France, because of the system of party groupings in the European

Asked what the reaction of the rest of the EEC would be if Britzin failed to fulfil the timetable. M Spenale replied: It would be most unpleasant for everyone-for those who did everything they could do in time and for the United Kingdom which would be responsible for the situation." Leading article, page 13 and Trafoi.

Parliament.

nexion with the illegal manufacture of arms at the secret week in a flat owned by unsus-Italian avalanche kills

tourists in car

Bolzano, Italy, Feb 25.-Four West German tourists died today when their car was buried beneath one of five avalanches that struck a mountain pass highway near here and isolated the villages of Solda, Gomogoi

#### 600 escape from Italian jails in 14 months From Our Own Correspondent

Official figures show that there were 510 escapes from prison in Italy last year. This means that one prisoner in This year so far 90 escapes have been listed.
Signor Renato dell'Andro, the Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Justice responsible

for prisons, after quoting the figures blamed bureaucratic difficulties for the failure to build new and more secure He implied in an interview

that the Ministry of Defence had blocked an idea to reinforce the prison guards with volunteers from the Army.

A prisoner serving a sentence for having killed an antiquarian at Riccione with the aim of rob-bing him, shot his wife and her lover on Wednesday night while

From Our Correspondent

Copenhagen, Feb 25

The new government is still a Social Democratic minority administration. It includes two non-political newcomers.

### Non-political newcomers in changed Danish Cabinet Minister. Mr Andersen has been much criticized lately.

Mr Anker Joergensen, the Danish Prime Minister, announced Cabinet changes to-day. The general election 10 days ago increased the Social Democratic Government's base in the Folketing and gave the parties supporting the Government's incomes solicy a incomes policy majority.

Mr Ove Hove, an architect and head of the Danish Build-ing Centre, becomes Minister of Housing. Miss Lise Oester-

or Bousing. Miss Lise Dester-gaard, a professor of psy-chology, has been appointed Minister without Portfolio. Mr Joergensen said that she would be in charge of foreign aid policies and would assist Mr Knud Andersen, the Foreign

Mr Jens Kampmann, a former Minister of the Environment, becomes Min's-ter of Taxation. Mr Kjeld Olesen, a former Defence Minister, and deputy chairman of the party takes over as Minister of Transport.

Minister of Transport
The Cabinet is us follows:
Prime Minister: Anker Joergensen
Fereign Affairs:
Knud Beorge Andersen
Finance: Knud Heinesen
Economy: Per Hackkertup
Transport and Public Works:
Transport and Public Works:

Trade: Ivar Noergaard
Interior: Egon Jensen
Welfare: Mrs Evs Gredal
Tanallon: Jens Kampmann
Labour: Erling Jenson
Fisharlen: Svend Jakobsen
Church and Greenland:
Joergen Peder Hansen
Education: Wrs Rint Pletregaard
Justice and Defence: Orla Moeiler
Agriculture: Poul Dalsager
Building: Ove Nore
Conturn and Environment:

Minister Without Portfolio: Miss Lise Oestetgaard

### Belgium paralysed by first in series of one-day strikes

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Feb 25
About 330,000 tailwaymen,
private sector workers and employees of provincial and com-munal services went on strike in Belgium today in the first of a series of carefully planned 24-bour stoppages which Mr Tindemans, the Prime Minister, has denounced as a direct poli-tical challenge to his Govern-

The centrepiece of today's action was the total shutdown of the national railway system. Heavy traffic built up on roads into many big towns during the rush this morning, but many people appeared to have stayed

State schools, shops, factories unemploy and publi wentrices in the provand incres care in the provance charges.

news bulletins interspersed with recorded music. Spontaneous sympathy strikes by factory and shop workers were also re-ported from Liège and Namur. The plan is that two different provinces will go on strike on each of the next four Fridays. ending up with the Brussels region. The strategy will be

backed up by selective national stoppages of public services. Recent sharp increases in VAT on a wide range of consumer goods appear to have been the final straw for workers already disgruntled by high

#### Malta farmers give chickens away in protest Valletta, Feb 25.—Angry farmers gave away live chickens

to amazed shoppers here today, saying they could not afford to feed them.

About 500 farmers had marched into the Maltese capi-

tal to protest against the re-moval of government subsidies for animal fodder. They said fodder now cost so much they could not make a profit. Many of them carried baskets of eggs which they also gave away. Some threw eggs at the office of Mr Dom Mintoff, the Prime Minister.

Extra police were drafted into Valletta for the march, but no serious incidents were reported. The Government has made it unemployment and inflation clear during talks with the and increased social security breeders' union that it will not restore the subsidies.-Reuter.

#### action taken for two s on training plan' ted to the department in June, 1, of The Times

for teacher training s 500 further educa-es and 30 polytecheen under considerathe Department of and Science for vears and has not icted on it was diserday.

ort, prepared by the Committee on the and Training of naintains that all new o further education from 1981 onwards required to have teacher training. It ined lecturers should train for a year in

ammittee chaired by Norman Haycocks, secretary of the Uni-louncil for the Educawhich were submit- certificate of education.

don vesterday he reported the denartment's lack of response. He said the proposals were intended to mark an interim stage in the development of teacher training in further education. They should remain velid guidelines when action became possible.

Opportunities for training in service should be more gene-

65.500 lecturers employed in polytechnics and colleges had undertaken full-time teacher training courses leading to a

rous for further education teachers than for those in schools because of the big backlag of untrained teachers, the need for subject updating, and channing manpower require-ments in industry, Professor

ucation Supplement 1975. At a meeting of the Augustion for reacher training and Higher Education in Lon-

Kaycochs said. In 1973 only a third of the

### Company fails to stop TV equal-pay film

I did nothing to stop her."

By a Staff Reporter Electrolux Ltd failed yesterday to get an injunction in the High Court to prevent Granada Television's showing a film of a meeting on equal pay of 600 woman employees at the com-

pany's Luton factory. The three-minute film is part of a half-hour World in Action programme which on Monday will examine the Equal Pay Act, 1970, which came into force

14 months ago.

The meeting, filmed by Granuda last week, had been called at the end of a twoday strike in protest over the way the firm was implementing the provisions of the Act.
In November the Employment
Appeals Trihunal dismissed an appeal by Electrolux against a Bedford industrial tribunal's decision that Mrs Anne Hutch-inson and six other women assembly workers at the Luton factory were entitled to equal

pay with men doing broadly similar work. Mrs Hutchinson and all but one of the factory's 600 woman employees had been given the salary grade of 01, while male employees doing similar work were in the higher-paid grade Electrolux was thereafter obliged to pay the seven woman applicants at the same rate as applicants at the same rate as the men. But those women were immediately transferred to different jobs and their places then by seven other women, all on the lower 01 grade rate. At least 122 cases by other F'ectrolux woman employees are now before industrial tribunals, and a further 105 claims for equal pay have been made to the company. made to the company. Equal Opportunities

#### ditions at the Luton factory. Bail for men on art theft charge

Commission announced last week that it is in carry out a

formal investigation into con-

Bail of £32,000 was granted Manchester magistrates vesterday to two men accused of stealing a Japanese art col-lection valued at £210,000 from Manchester Museum. John Kevin Kilrer, aged 38.

John Keyin Killer, aged 30. a credit draper, of Wild Brow Contage. Crossland Edge and Reginald Gee, aged 33. a general dealer, of Greengare Knell, South Crossland, both Huddersfield, were remanded until April 12 charged with burglary and the theft of the collection. collection.

# libraries obsolete'

automation and telecommunica-tions could make the library as we know it obsolete, Lord Eccles said yesterday.

"In my view", he said, "the technologies will revolutionize beyond recognition one half of

mechanical storage and retrieval should be employed "for all they are worth".

"But suppose that you are also interested, as the Greeks worth as the Greeks were also interested.

pilots bones identified A group of amateur aircraft enthusiasts who recovered a wartime Hurricane from a wood at Bethersden, Kent, were con-gratulated by the Croydon coroner at an inquest yesterday

on their research into the iden-tity of the dead pilot, who was reported missing, presumed dead, 37 years ago. The coroner, Dr Mary McHugh, decided that the bones found in the plane, which was excavated from 22ft down, were those of Sergeant Pilot Edward
Egan, aged 19, of 501 Squadron,
RAF Kenley, who was shot
down in the Bartle of Britain.
She recorded a verdict of
death while on active service on Sergeant Pilot Egan, whose sister was in court.

Mr Anthony Graves, of the John Tickner Recovery Group, North Cray, Kent, said that they had used Civil Defence and

Home Guard records to check on the aircraft and the pilot. Fines for supplying Radio Caroline

Lille, Feb 25.—Five French businessmen have been fined by a Lille court for supplying the North Sea pirate radio station. Radio Caroline, with food, linen and wine. The fines

Gloucestershire.

The will is challenged by a distant cousin and four charities, all beneficiaries under a 1971 will. They claim that Mrs Salmon was mentally unfit to make her last will in Sergeant

to court and supervise prison workshops.

at home.

### Zambia and Mozambique leaders call for intensified guerrilla war against Rhodesia

Lusaka, Feb 25 President Kaunda of Zambia and President Machel of Mozambique ended two days of commanders for refusing to go enough. talks in a Zambian game park to a training camp near here. today with a call for an intensification of the guerrilla war against Rhodesia.

A brief statement afterwards provided little indication as to the content of the talks which were expected to review plans to unity the two guerrilla place, groups, Zapu and Zanu, which Thi are fighting in Rhodesia.

The statement said the two presidents noted that the situation was "ripe for an intensifi-cation of the armed struggle against the Smith regime". In a clear reference to the Rhodesian Government's latest package of race reforms, it describ-ed the action as "tantamount to the last kicks of a dying

Zambia and Mozambique are two of the "front line" states sharing a common border with Rhodesia and are now backing the Patriotic Front led by Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe. The Zapu forces are hased in Zambia and the Zanu forces in Mozambique.

As expected, the talks, the second in a proposed series of bilateral contacts, also dealt with the construction of roads and other forms of communication between the two coun-

Meanwhile, in Lusaka, a However, some of the ing, spokesman for Zapu denied reforms, particularly the open-healt reports that 15 boys, part of ing up of white agricultural roll.

From Our Correspondent

South African troops have

killed 12 guerrillas in a clash

in the western Caprivi Strip area of the South-West Africa

(Namibia) battle zone, Defence headquarters claimed in Pretoria

South African servicemen were

wounded in the clash. It described a claim by the South West African People's Organiza-tion (Swapo) earlier this week that its guerrillas had killed 25

South Africans in a battle in

In a separate announcement.

the beadquarters said Lieuten-

nit Neil Liddell, aged 28, an Air Force pilot, bad been killed in a skirmish "in the operational area". No other details were given, but it is thought

likely his reconnaissance air-

According to the Pretoria

Caprivi, Swapo guerrillas met

South African patrol about five miles inside South-West

British plea for

Uganda inquiry

fails to stir UN

rom Our Correspondent eneva, Feb 25 The British Government's

quest for an investigation of

uman rights in Uganda has

1d much the same effect in 1 te United Nations Commission. 1 Human Rights as a stone

In two days of secret dis-

cussions the request, put to the 32-nation commission yesterday

by Sir Keith Unwin, seems to

have sunk into the depths of

"No results so far", one delegate said, indicating that

any vote had been postponed Representatives of the eight

Third World countries in the

commission mer earlier today in

an attempt to work out a com-

They are believed to have

agreed on some anodyne text expressing the hope that, with a view to clarifying the situa-tion, contacts can be developed

between President Amin and Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United

Nations secretary general.

The commission's ineffectual

performance—in which the Soviet Union has not found it

necessary to intervene-may, ironically, improve the chances

of its ultimately accepting a recommendation, put to it last year by the sub-commission on prevention of discrimination

and protection of minorities, for a study of the human rights situation in Uganda.

Tom Stoppard reports

rights. His important and mov-

Tokyo, Feb 25 Tokyo and Moscow were

embroiled in a new territorial

dispute today after the Japanese Government's refusal to

recognize the Soviet decision to

The 30-year-old dispute over

impose a 200-mile fishing zone regrettable act".

around four former Japanese islands occupied by Soviet troops at the end of the Second War.

As the meeting adjourned, Mr. Sunao Sonoda, the chief Cabitroops at the end of the Second met secretary, said: It is regretted that the Soviet Union the second and the second unilateral step to

From Peter Hazelhurst

on Soviet dissidents

cast into a swamp.

mon position.

African territory.

craft was hit by ground fire.

the strip as ridiculous.

statement said three

Johannesburg, Feb 25

Caprivi Strip deaths

claimed by Pretoria

Rhodesia earlier this month, had been murdered by Zapu

The spokesman, Mr George Silundika, described the reports as "blatant lies" designed to discredit Zapu and police spokesman also denied that any killings had taken

This is the second denial in The Rhodesia Herald, which two days that Zapu has had to tends to support the Governmere most of the students are being sent. It is alleged that some are members of Zanu and are being forced to join Zapu against their will. Michael Knipe writes from Salisbury: Rhodesians, black

and white and of all shades of opinion, have reacted with marked lack of enthusiasm to the intended amendments to announced by Mr Smith. The Rhodesian leader said in

Parliament on Thursday that white agricultural land as well as industrial and commercial areas would be opened up to all races, legislation segregat-ing races in licensed premises and private schools would be dropped and there would be improved promotion opportuni-ties for blacks in the security forces and other government departments.

that apart from the 12 guerril-las killed we deduce that more

were wounded but cannot say

how many". The attack in the strip might have been intended

to be the beginning of a new front but it had been vigorously

The western Caprivi is one

of the most inhospitable areas

of southern Africa. It is sparsely populated and is one of the last remaining zones of

the continent where the tsetse

fly, which induces often fatal

Prison death: Mr Samuel Malinga, an African detained

under the security laws, died this week of natural causes,

according to a post-mortem report released in Pietermaritz-

Professor Ian Gordon, who

performed the autopsy, said death was due in a long-stand-

the 349 students who fled from land, are resented by Mit the Manama mission school in Smith's supporters while as far as his opponents are concerned they are nowhere near radical

spokesman of the African nationalist faction led by Mr Joshua Nkomo, commented: The African people no lunger the Patriotic Front. A Zambian ask to be ruled well by the minority regime or by any-body. They want to rule them-selves."

The Rhodesia Herald, which issue concerning persistent ment rather than the white reports of unrest in the camp opposition parties, said in a opposition parties, said in a leading article: "It is difficult to understand why Mr Smith. having gone so far as to open agricultural, industrial and commercial areas to all races, should have faltered over urban residential areas, schools and hospitals."

The paper continued:
Since the Prime Minister has accepted the principle of majority rule in two years, when all discrimination must surely go, would it not have been wise to bow to the inevitable now, at any rate by making a declaration of intent?"

Mrs Muriel Rosin, the leader of the white opposition Rhodesia Party, said Rhodesia was on the road to majority rule yet Mr Smith had seen fit to leave out of his proposed reforms the four critical and emotional issues—urban hous-ing, government education and health, and the common voters

### US cuts aid over human

Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, told a Senate committee ministration had decided to cut foreign aid to Argentina, Urugusy and Ethiopia because of human rights violations in those countries.

But because security commitments were overriding, the United States would not reduce its aid to South Korea or other strategically placed allies what-ever their violations of human

had publicly announced a reduction in foreign aid because of human rights considerations. He told the Senate approprisrions sub-committee that the aid programmes would probably total more than \$9,000m

An official said that President Carter had received a special envoy from Romania who told him that Romanian leaders un-

(£5.300m).

### rights issue Washington, Feb 25.-Mr

rights.

This was the first time in memory that any administration

derstood his concern about human rights.—New York human rights.—New Times News Service.

### dealing state of a long-stand-ing illness. Mr Malinga, aged 45. was the seventeenth black officially reported to have died in detention in the past year.— Carter envoy allays fears of Turkish Cypriots

From Our Correspondent Nicosia, Feb 25 Mr Clark Clifford,

with President Makarios and Mr Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, he said both of the Greek lobby."

Mr Denktash, who had previously expressed reservations about the Clifford mission, Cypriot leader, he said both about the Cliffor sides to the conflict wanted a appeared contented. settlement. There was a feeling "by the parties that the time has now come to put upon the table positive constructive

suggestions, so that there can be a basis for negotiation". The most tangible result of

the day's meetings appeared to be the placation of Turkish Cypriot fears that the Carter Administration was adopting a of December, 1963.

pro-Greek stand in response to pressure from the Greek-Ameri-

Mr Clark Chiroro, the American presidential envoy, believes there is a "definite possibility" of a Cyprus settle during his visit to their sector of Nicosia: "The United States Speaking in Nicosia after will not give in to the whims

The Greek Cypriot side argued that the dispute arises from the Turkish invasion in the summer of 1974. Mr Clifford wittingly or otherwise satisfied Turkish Cypriot sensi-bilities by speaking of "the difficulties that both sides have endured over the past 13-years", since the disturbances

### Union chief shot dead in Addis Ababa

Addis Ababa, Feb 25.-Gunmen today burst into the offices here of Ethiopia's pro-government trade union federation and shot dead its chairman. A state-ment by the All-Ethiopia Trade Union blamed the killing of Mr Tewodros Bekele, on "paid reactionary agents". Mr reactionary agents". Mr had been killed by security Getachew Legesse, the deputy forces last night. secretary, was seriously

The AETU was formed to replace the Confederation of Ethiopian Labour Unions, which Tom Stoppard, Britain's noted was closed by the Government in May, 1975, after the arrest playwright, is just back from a Prisoners of Conscience Year of its leaders. The CELU bad visit to Moscow, where he met become a focal point for criticism of the military gothe Moscow Amnesty Group of Dissidents who have been active in the campaign for human ernment-

wounded.

The union was inaugurated by Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu Ababa and regional centres of Haile-Mariam on January 8 be opponents of the Government. ing\_report appears exclusively in The Sunday Times tomorrow. fore he became head of state.

has taken a unilateral step to

Fishing revives Tokyo dispute with Moscow

According to Japanese offi-try's coastal zones from three to cials, both Mr Fukuda and Mr 12 miles, will encompass the

lichiro Hotoyama the Foreign four disputed islands.

Minister, criticized Moscow's decision "as an unfriendly and announced vesterday that Mos-

On official announcement today said Master Sergeant Abraham Gebre-Medhin Abraham Gebre-Medhin, accused of complicity in the plot which led to the death in a gunbattle on February 3 of Brigadier-General Teferi Bante, Colonel Mengistri Colonel Mengistu's predecessor,

Refugees in Sudan: About 150,000 refugees from Ethiopia have entered Sudan in recent days, according to a broadcast over Omdurman radio. It said the refugees were mostly students and workers, but included university professors. They came from Eritrea and adjacent areas. Omdurman radio said a waye

of arrests had begun in Addis opponents of the Government.

earlier this month that new

legislation, extending the coun-

cow's new 200-mile zone will

incorporate areas surrounding

main stumbling block in the

negotiations on a peace treaty between Moscow and Tokyo.

Japan has steadfastly main-tained that the islands must be

returned before the signing of

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The disputed islands are the

### Capt Cook the second sails in with broken nose

Perth. Feb 25:-- A Britishvachtsman who is retracing the last vovage of Captain James Cook 200 years ago arrived in Australia in his storm-battered schooner today, recovering from a broken nose and three broken

Like his hero and namesake, Mr Gordon Cook was born in Whitby, Yorkshire. He intends to continue his journey after spending up to six weeks repair-ing his 23-metre boat Wavewalker.

Mr Cook described how he broke his nose and ribs when he was swept overboard by a wave "so big that the sky went dark anear Amsterdam Island, in the Indian Ocean. He carried out emergency repairs at the island, but then encountered 20 days of gales on the voyage to Australia. The Wavewalker finally had to be towed into Fremantle harbour.

"Captain Cook has been my hero since I was a boy, but you'll never get me to sail that southern Indian Ocean again",

he said. Mr Cook was met by his wife Mary and two children, Suranne, aged eight, and Jona-than, seven. They were on board the Wavewalker when the giant wave struck, but travelled on to Australia by container ship. Mr Cook continued with a crew of two, Mr Lawrence Vigil, an American, and Mr Herbert Sciler, from Switzer-

Mr Cook said he lost sight of the boat when he went over-board but "I was washed back on board because I had a life jacket and a line attached to the

Despite the repairs ar Amster-dam island, the diesel engine was not working properly and the vessel was taking in water. He had not slept for four days because he had been too busy pumping water from his boat. "It took us a fortnight to do 700 miles". Mr Cook said.

Three months after the end

of the Lebanese civil war, Pre-

sident Sarkis is being faced with a series of demands from

the Christian leadership to evict

thousands of Palestinians from a village south of Beirut which

once inhabited

Mr Camille Chamoun, the

former President and leader

of the National Liberal Party, whose militia fought alongside

the Phalangists during the war,

went to the presidential palace today to talk to Mr Sarkis about

the village of Damour and the

pressure from its former residents to return to their homes.

The question is a parti-cularly sensitive one for Mr

Sarkis, not only because it re-

calls the divisions of the months of warfare but because Damour

-which was partially destroyed

when Palestinian guerrillas drove out the Christian defenders early last year—is at

present populated by hundreds of orphaned children and

several thousand adult refugees

who survived the 52-day slege

of the Palestinian camp of Tel

Last autumn, Mr Yassir

Arafat, the leader of the Pales-

tine Liberation Organization,

went to Damour to supervise the

Jordan peace

by Rabin party

The ruling Labour Party's

four-day national convention closed today after adopting an

election programme softening the party's stand regarding peace with Jordan.

For the first time it specifi-

cally endorsed returning some occupied territories to the

Jordanians in a peace settle-

ment, a policy espoused by government leaders for some

In effect, it also barred

further Jewish settlement in

sections of the occupied West. Bank likely to be restored to

Mr Moshe Dayan, the former Minister, fought an unsuccess-

ful rearguard action for the

Hitherto Labour's election

programmes expressed readi-

ness for territorial concessions

in exchange for peace but re-frained from stating on which

ironts in consideration of the

views of Israelis who claim the West Bank is part of the ances-

tral homeland and is not negot-

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tions specifically Egypt, Jordan

territorial rights over the islands which are being used as

forward observation posts to monitor Japanese and American

military activity in the region. The dispute is also likely to

mar negotiations on fishing due.

to start in Moscow next week.

According to officials in Tokyo, the Japanese delegation will

attempt to separate the terri-

torial dispute from the negotia-

tions on the future rights of

Japanese fishing boats in Soviet

It is feared that the Soviet

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From Moshe Brilliant

Tel Avir, Feb 25

Zastar in July.

From Robert Fisk

Beirut, Feb 25

was one Christians.

Lebanese Christians claim

back their lost homes



Mr Cook reunited with his family after landing from his battered schooner, seen approaching Fremantle.

Finally, just out of Fremantle, they run out of fuel and "I would rather have entered harbour in the dignified manner of Captain Cook but we were all so tired", he said. Mr Cook, who sold a hotel to

raise £100,000 to build his boat four years ago, said it had been worth every penny "becamy family and I love sailing

resettlement there of the Pales-

rinian refugees. A special school

was opened for the children in

the old Christian schoolvard

where they are taught weapons

training as well as more con-ventional scholastic subjects.

Most of the ruined houses have

been shored up with cement

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presidential audience today will be viewed somewhat cynically

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weeks as the Christian com-

munity, which lost much of its territory during the war, tries

in areas in which the Christians

In brief

OAU rebuffed

by Morocco

the Palestinians. Neverthe-

Mr Chamoun-whose own sea-

The Cooks now hope to refit the 30-ton Wavewalker and continue Captain Cook's voyage to Sydney, the Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji. Tahiti. Christmas Island, Hawaii. San Francisco and Vancouver. In the meantime Mr Cook

intends to catch up on sleep and visit a nose specialist.— Reuter and Agence France-

### Jordan bars the good

Samaritans

From Our Own Correspondent

Good deeds by Samaritans are still misunderstood in this part of the world. A delegation from the ancient sect, most of whose members live on the slopes of the sacred mountain Gerizim, has been refused permission to cross Allenby Bridge to Jordan to pay a condolence visit on the burnt out by the Palestinians a death of Queen Alia.

few miles from the village. The Samaritans were appar-has several times previously re- ently barred because they are The Samaritans were apparferred to the need to reserve regarded as Jewish, although Christians in Damour. But this the sect is pre-Davidic and is the first time he has taken bases its faith only on the the matter direct to Mr Sarkis. Mosaic Law and the Book of It was Mr Chamoun's "young Joshua. It has a high priest but tigers" militia who took part in no rabbis. The 250 Samaritans in the Noblus area were under 1967; another 150 live near Tel Aviv. Although they turned back

the Samaritans, the Jordanian authorities have admitted for the first time a delegation of Israel Arabs. On their return, to increase its influence again the Arabs said they had been given a cordial welcome. They once lived.
All of which must make Mr had been received by Husain and Crown Prince Hassan, and had met Govern-Sarkis more than diplomatically anxious that any Middle East ment leaders and intellectuals peace negotiations provide a home for Lebanon's 400,000 Palestinian refugees. at conferences which discussed ways of restoring relations with Arab kin and culture".

# Delhi, Feb 25.—The Indian frail Mr Narayan, who opposition suffered a blow in freed from jail on the election campaign today grounds. He had lately

the election campaign today when its leading spokesman, Mr Jayaprakash Narayan, was taken to hospital with kidney trouble in Bombay. Doctors said he would have to cancel all. engagements between now and the election, beginning on March 16.

Mr Narayan, aged 74, was an associate of Mahatma Gandhi and is known in India as "J.P". He has drawn huge crowds to Janata Party rallies. He spent five months in solitary confinement under emergency laws imposed in 1975.

Doctors said his illness was the result of exhaustion and weeks in hospital.

No other opposition leader can draw such crowds as the sis.-Reuter.

of news not printed eli-Gandhi's son] and ar support of democracy. "Three of us who buted signed articles issue, believing ourse

Indian poet describe dong

months in detention

Calcutta, Feb 25

The issue of political detainees is being exploited by both sides in the Indian elec-

tion campaign. The opposition hammers away at the denial of human rights, the threat to democracy and the number of

its supporters still held. The

Government asserts that the arrests were essential in the

emergency which had averted a threat to the nation's exist-

Mrs Gandhi went farther in

Though the numbers are in

be in danger of arrei underground on Septen 1975. We moved abe countryside staying brie friends and sympathiz continued to publish b tracts and poetry."

After a year Mr Da his two colleagues were last September and wer an interview with me, claiming to police headquart Calcutta

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Mr Datta was finally reon bail. He said there we about 600 political prison Alipore jail. He was conly four who had released.

### Illness robs opposition of man who draws crowds

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the Janata Party, which is on finance and transpol meeting he addressed in last week collected rupees (£1,800), mostly m of low denomination.
In an interview last Su.
Mr Narayan said his k failure and dialysis treat with a kidney machine takes seven hours a sess was affecting both his ge health and his memory. B had intended to continue posishing schedule of as tion meeting one day, die the next.

The doctors said today Mr Narayan would be open on to rectify a defect in valve in his leg used for a

### Three killed as Pakistan police fire into house

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, Feb 25

Three people were killed and five wounded when police opened fire today in Hydera-bad, 120 miles from Karachi, after a car chase. The police fire with people in a car whowere carrying guns in defiance of a government order.

The ban on carrying arms was issued in connexion with the campaign for next month's elections.
Meanwhile, a bitter contro-

versy has developed between the former military commander of East Pakistan, Major-General Niazi, and his former military governor, General Tikka Khan,

on the causes of the fa-December 16, 1971. The military debacle East Pakistan has becom

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the Opposition's attacks. eral Tikka Khan has rej thelp.

From Our Correspondent Buenos Aires, Feb 25

Rabat, Feb 25.-Morocco has

decided to "suspend all par-ticipation" in the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in pro-test against allegations that Morocco was involved in an attempted coup in Benin last month. . "These lying accusations"

had been allowed to circulate irresponsibly at the meeting of OAU ministers in Lomé, Dr Ahmed Laraki, the Moroccan Foreign Minister, said, Benin's political instability was proverbial. Its innumerable plots being useful alibis to eliminate opponents. Triumphant right

San Salvador, Feb 25.— General Carlos Romero, the candidate of the ruling right-wing National Conciliation Party and former Defence Mini-ster, won El Salvador's presidential election against his centre-left coalition opponent.

Two beheaded

Riyadh. Feb 25.-Two men were publicly beheaded after Friday prayers here for indecently assaulting a boy they had kidnapped from a nearby village.

Hijacker jailed - Detroit, Feb 25.-Richard F.

Dixon, aged 37, was sentenced to 40 years in prison for hijacking a Boeing 727 over the United States in 1971 and forcing it to land in Cuba. Spacemen back

Moscow, Feb 25.—Two Soviet cosmonauts landed safely in Kazakhstan after 18 days in orbit in the Salyut 5 space laboratory.

Sri Lanka poll Colombo, Feb 25.—Mrs Ban-daranaike, Sri Lanka's Prime Minister, said a general election would be held within the next

### **Buenos Aires daily attacks** 'The Times' over Falklands stabilize" the United States

An Argentine newspaper, re-

cently closed for two days for nublishing an article on alleged human rights violations here, today took issue with The Times for saying that Britain should not negotiate on the Falkland Islands with an Argentine Government responsible for such violations. The independent Buenos

recent leading article in The Times did not objectively reflect the situation in Argentina.
It also accused The Times of mounting a "destabilization" campaign against the Labour Referring to recent allegations of CIA payments to world leaders as an attempt to "de-duty to combat this.

Government, La Opinion said:
"A similar manoeuvre—the destabilization of the British Labour Government-is now Argentina as a pretext."

The newspaper said it had

invariably criticized excesses of violence in Argentina, "but we cannot be silent in face of the excesses of The Times's evaluation of the Argenine situation, excesses which amount to mis-Aires daily La Opinion said a information and unreasonable-

The reference by The Times to the Argentine economy as chaotic was "absurd". There was no civil war in Argentina. rather an attempt by isolated minorities to impose their will through violence and assassingtion, and the Government had a

Mother's vigil Soviet Embass: By a Staff Reporter Dr Marina Voikhanska

Soviet psychiatrist who been living in Britain for past two years, held an alvigil outside the Embassy in London yesu to mark the eleventh birds. of her only son Misha wit been refused permission Dr Voikhanskaya used m

in the Leningrad hospital where several Rudissidents, including Mr. Fainberg, Mr. Vladimir Bosky and Mr. Vladimir She was joined in here by members of the Wor Dissenters in Mental Host including Tom Stoppard

playwright.

### 'Pravda' raps party propagandis Moscow, Feb 25.—The Soviet side. The elimination of exist- should be extended to interest of the state of the

Communist Party's Central Committée referred to "signs of a relaxation of discipline within party ranks and severely condemned the ideological "laxity" of the neople in a resolution published as a Pravda leading article today. The resolution called for the

role of "verbal political propa-ganda" to be elevated and asked "all communists" to pull themselves together and explain more clearly to the people the benefits of socialism.

It severely criticized the "activists" and cadres of the party responsible for the political education and information of the masses, reproaching them for organizing "limited" dis-cussions and carrying on quantitative and not qualitative propaganda

Discussions, political information and conferences often were confined to a repetition of selfno interest to workers, it said. . "The present issues of local

ing faults is not being emphu-sized enough. Party organizers, in the race to provide more and more activists, give this work at work to comrades who are ill prepared", Pravda said.
"Propagandists must above

all be communists", it said, casting doubts on their sin-cerity. "Propaganda activists cerity. of the party are urged to instil in the people a communist atti-tude towards work, communal property and a feeling of responsibility."

It also urged party propa-gand sts to halt the "signs of relaxation of discipline", add-ing that they should "bring the word of the party to each person individually ". According to observers, the

party leaders have rarely listed in such a clear fashion the diffi-culties facing the Soviet Union internally. The resolution emphasized that activists should speak out egainst "booliganism", against

the wrecking of property, greed. rapaciousness, obscenity and other negative values"

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It represched Soviet munists for not tailoring speeches to the canabilities their audiences and insisted they take into consider 4 "the stare of mind of population".

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Gemmill: rushed to hospital after colliding with a reserve defender and fracturing his skull during training.

Sexton seeking greater

midfield industry

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Stan Bowles, the England for-

Queen's Park Rangers for today's

home match with Leicester City. After a disappointing performance

in last Tuesday's League Cup

semi-final round tie against Aston Villa, the manager, David Sexton,

has decided to rest both Bowles

and Masson, a midfield player who had played 64 consecutive league games. Possibly both players will

next week's Uefa Cup tie with

Rangers, though they are left in

Rangers, though they are left in European competition, are still in a precarious league position that is exaggerated by their number of matches in hand. Two strong players are brought into today's team, Hollins and Kelly, indicating that Mr Sexton will be looking for greater-midfield industry than was seen in midweek.

With only Arsenal left in the

With only Arsenal left in the

with only Arsenal left in the Cup, this afternoon's first division games have three London clubs in action—all of them struggling to escape from the clutches of relegation. As well as Rangers, West Ham United and Tottenham Rutspur are in urgent need of

West Ham United and Tottenham Hotspur are in urgent need of points. The extraordinary midweek 6—1 win by Sunderland over West Bromwich Albion emphasized a threat from below and although West Ham should gain at least one point in their home match with Bristol City, there is not a lot of hope for Tottenham Hotpur at Newcastle United.

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Newcastie United.

John Lyall, the West Ham
manager, sounded more optimistic
yesterday when he said: "Morale
is important in a relegation situation and our wins over Scoke and

Arsenal have given us a definite lift. Winning brings back the players' beieff in themselves. It

gives them the self condidence trey must have. There is still a long way to go but our wins and Sunderland's good results have put the pressure on other clubs. The

issue is now far wider and my players believe we can stay up." West Ham will be sending out the team who beat Arsenal 3—2

By Norman Fox

AEK Athens.

Derby County who play Blackburn Rovers. After listening and reading of his imminent replacement by Brian Clough, the club's tolerant manager, Colin Murphy, yesterday thought he could get on with training but an accident in the gymnasium quickly brought him more trouble. Genmill, the driving force of midfield, collided with one of the reserves and was rushed to hospital by Mr Murphy. A fractured skill was diagnosed and there is no doubt that Gemmill will be out of out the Murphy also said that Gemmill, who had just recovered from mill, who had just recovered from mill, who had just recovered from who have injury, would have to be rearranged. "It was the sort of accident that could happen anywhere", he explained. "Nobody was to blame. I've tried not to moan about injuries but for us they are coming faster than the

at Highbury last Saturday, Bristol

City, who played so well to defeat Manchester City, also last week, will be without their striker.

Ritchie, who has a throat infec-

Tottenham have now some month without winning and one begins to doubt their ability to survive the crisis. Today at New-

survive the crisis. 100ay at New-castle they are unable to include their superb goalkeeper, Jennings, but they are fortunate to have such a good reserve in Daines, who must be the league's most patient player. Jennings is again

troubled by an ankle injury.

As Liverpool are involved in the Cup, loswich can stip into top place if they beat Stoke City at Portman Road. They, too, are doubtful about their goalkeeper, Cooper, who injured a thigh in training. Whymark and Talbot have both recovered and will be playing against a team who have not yet won an away game this season and have scored only three goals on "foreign" soil. Ill fortune follows Stoke. They cannot call on Mahoney who cut his hand when he fell on a metal spike. Salmons, who was dropped for last week's match against Everton, is expected to replace him.

If Sunderland can continue with

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their remarkable little revival, 2

group of teams in the mid-table section may feel the pinch. None of the bottom eight now seems reliable relegation material; so for

reliable relegation material; so for those as seemingly well placed as Coventry City and West Bromwich Albion there is no room for errors. These two meet today at Highfield Road. Albion's defeat at Sunderland has encouraged them to strengthen their own attack by including Alistair Brown.

Chelsea could lose their top position in the second division if they should be beaten by the good Bolton Wanderers team. They have not won in three matches and the lead they have held since Sentember seems in danger.

speember seems in danger. Finnieston, who has scored 17 goals, should return after recovering from a broken cheekbone. Bolton, two points behind Chelsea and with a superior goal difference, will be at full strength.

rain at the moment. To lose Archie at this stage is a hefty setback. He's a vital part of the team," At least he has McFarland back in today's defence against a Blackburn team without two regular players, Wagstaffe and Balley.

two regular players, Wagstaffe and Balley.

The last survivors from outside the top two divisions, Fort Vale and Chester, are unlikely to remain in the field after difficult matches at Aston Villa and Wolverhampton. respectively. But neither will complain that their efforts so far have not been well rewarded. As the only clubs remaining from the first round they will meet for a new trophy, the Debenham's Cap, later in the season and the winners will receive £7,000. The losers will have £5,000 on the past year. If Aston Villa play as smoothly as they did in Tuesday's League Cup semi-final round the with Queen's Park Rangers they may overwhelm Port Vale and could well go on to a cup double.

Chester have not yet conceded

Chester have not yet conceded a goal in the FA Cup and after four successive league wins they hope at least to hold Wolves to a draw. The chances are that they will find the high-scoring Wolver-hampron forwards too lively for them and if there is to be a surprising result it could be a victory for Cardiff City over Everton. Some might say that Everton's league form this season hardly warrants any right to feel secure, but they have reached the League Cup final. Cardiff will undoubtedly give them a few problems. They give them a few problems. They have already beaten one first division club, Tottenham thotspur and the Welsh are talking of collecting the FA Cup for the first time in exactly 50 years.

Two more first division clubs will depart the drama today. Middlesbrough must feel confident of beating Arsenal. But the tussle between Leeds United and Manchester City at Elland Road is less predictable and more rain would not the tie in incorpora. would put the tie in jeopardy. An inspection is being held at Elland Road this morning.

Road this morning.

In spite of their formidable programme, Liverpool continue to field unchanged teams and they hop; that today's tie against Oldhani at Anfield will leave them unscathed because on Wednesday they play St Etienne in the European Cup. Oldham would be unwise to think that this could lead to some tension. They make four changes in the They make four changes in the hope of giving the side more experience. Liverpool can beat them on that score as well.

Point that could

Chariton 1 Hereford 1
Hereford United, rooted at the bottom of the second division and

without a win since November, should have ended that sequence at The Valley. They did quite enough to have won and to suggest that their relegation to the

enough to have won and the gest that their relegation to the third division is by no means a formality. Chariton only saved their faces with a late equalizer.

As they successfully soaked up Chariton's early pressure Hereford's confidence grew. In fact by bull-rime they had earned seven

hair-time they had earned seven corners to Charlton's four and had twice gone very close to tak-ing the lead.

When Hereford at last produced their goal after 56 minutes—their first in three visits to Charlton— it was well deserved, if something

of a gift. Carter's cross wwas com-pletely missed by Curtis, leaving Spiring with a comparatively simple chance which he gratefully lashed in. He then ran fully 60 yards to offer McNeil No 2 on a plate. But he missed with this and

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Second division

Hockey

prove vital

By Michael Archer

for Hereford

### Slemen doubtful but Lancashire are not

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent

Rugby Correspondent
Lancashire may have to do without Michael Slemen, their England international, when they play Middlesex in the final of the rugby County championship at Blundellsands this afternoon (2.30). The Liverpool wing has suffered some disriness this week since being concussed during the French match last Saturday, and John Carlton, the Orrell and British Students player, is standing by.

by.

Roger Creed, an excellent Lancashre skipper, believes that, with or without Slemen, their team spirit and organization will take them through to a tenth title, but them through to a tenth title, but they do not believe that, because they put out the champions, Gloucestershire, in the semi-final round, they are all but home and dry. Lancashire's record in the final on the Waterloo ground is not an especially happy one, and they must have a healthy respect for the lineout potential of a Middlesex pack that includes three very tall men in Ralston and Howcroft, the locks, and Ripley, the No 8. Howcroft, the Wales B international, is all of 6ft 7in and 18st.

Ralston was an up and coming young forward when Middlesex

raiston was an up and coming young forward when Middlesex won the last round on the same ground in 1966. The Lancashire lock. Trickey, is the only other survivor from that encounter, when the Middlesex full-back was Gordon. Macdonald of London Gordon Macdonald, of London Scottish. Macdonald has been the Middlesex coach for the past six years and, whatever the result now, this will be his official swan-

Bur it is not just the Middlesex coach and the two stalwarts at lock who have special reasons for wanting a good result. So, too, does Richards, the Middlesex full-back, who is playing his last big game before he emigrates to Australia at the end of the season. The first time I watched Richards play — for England Under-23 against the north of England—I saw enough, before his jaw was fractured, to be convinced that he was a potential England

player. Later that season, before he was wholly ready again after injury, he appeared in two national trials, since when the ultimate accolade has always passed him by. Perhaps he may find it in his new country.

There was snow in the north yesterday, and steady sleet at Blundellsands. It is a well drained pitch, but the conditions do not sound too promising and accurate kicking behind a solid scrummage could play a crucial part. The Lancashire half-backs, as well as Lyon in the centre, did well in this respect against Gloucestershire and their backs may prove the more flexible combination. The wetter it is the less Middlesex are likely to achieve from their expected advantage at the lineout.

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The Weish Cup has arrived at the round of the last eight, and Cardiff have been drawn at Pontypool, where only Bridgend and Gloucester have had success this season. Millford Haven, the one junior club to survice thus far, are at home to Ebbw Vale. Aberavon to Bridgend, and Newbridge to the powerful Newport side. Waskins makes his 300th appearance for Newport.

Gloucester make their first visit to Lianelli for 15 years, and Bedford are at Swansez. At Twickenham, the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force initiate a new interservices tournament and, across the road at Stoop, Harlequins are at home to Headingley in a new fixture between two illustrious clubs.

Hockey

### Germans hold Trump and aces for indoor event

By Sydney Friskin
West Germany, the European indoor hockey champions, are competing against England and Wales in a three-nations tournament, in a three-nations tournament, sponsored by Sin Life Assurance, at the Whitchnech Sports Centre, Bristol, today and tomorrow. Each team will play the others twice. This event clashes with a priority outdoor commitment, the England World Cup party's training weekend at Crystal Palace, which means that a few players who might have been useful to the indoor side are not available. The system is different in West Germany where the national (opidoor) leagues come to a halt for about three mouths in the winter to enable the players the winter to enable the players to go indoors. This accounts for the availability of such outstanding outdoor players as Trump, Kaessmann, Montag and Bachmann for the indoor patients of the property of the indoor patients of the

The Germans have made a couple of late changes because they have not been able to bring Michael Peter and Seifert and even without them they should beat both England and Wales. But there is no better way for home countries to improve than to meet opposition of this class.

changes by bringing in Brightwell (a goalkeeper), Mayo and David Barker who, though no strangers to indoor hockey, are new to the international sceue. There has also been some reorganization in Wales, where the most notable change is the inclusion of Marsh and the omission of Towler.

Two important matches have Two important matches have been arranged for the England out-door team tomorrow. One is against a strong London Indians side at Lloyds Bank ground. Copers Cope Road, starting at 11.0 am. The other is against a Middle-sex XI on the National Westminster Bank ground, on the same road, starting at 2.45.

The teams for the indoor tournament at Bristol will be selected from:

### New Zealand settle down on all-weather pitch

The Netherlands, New Zealand and Ireland all won their matches yesterday in the two-day women's international hockey tournament which began in Manchester. All play was on an all-weather pitch at Manchester University sports ground as the grass pitches at the cricket ground at Old Trafford were under water. The B teams from the home countries are joined this year by the Netherlands B and New Zealand. New Zealand had the umusual experience of playing on a hard pitch and beat Wales 2—0 with a goal in each half. P. Lunn

plate. But he missed with this and a good near post header—again from Spiring.

So when Peacock's long cross was flicked on by Giles to give McAuley the equalizer with a 78th minute header, Hereford had every reason to feel robbed. But their first point at The Valley will give them every encouragement in their fight for second division survival.

CHARLYON ATMINITIES I. Wood: B. Curtis, P. Warman, D. Tydeman, J. Ciles, L. Berry, C. Powell, P. Hunt (sub: W. O'Suliwan), M. Panagan, K. Pencott, H. McAules, HEREFORD UNITED: T. Hushes; S. Davey, S. Rilerie, J. Lavin, D. Jefferson, J. Lindsay, L. Roberts, R. Carter, J. Calley, D. McNell, P. Spiring, Referee: H. R. Robinson (Norwich). a goal in each baff. P. Lunn scored first and then, with the Welsh defence, particularly P. Jones and M. Williams, playing well and cutting off many New Zealand passes in the driving snow, the Welsh goalkeeper, I. Davies, was sold a dummy. She watched the set-up for a handstop at a corner but the ball was sent to a different player and J.

. Ireland beat England with a goal in each half. Ireland seemed the faster team and, apart from two well taken corners by Eng-land, a hand-stop by F. Franks and a hard shot by S. Slocombe, which was magnificently saved by V. Mitchell, Ireland's captain in goal, the sharper attacks came from Ireland. R. Jacob put the ball in the net in the first half and M. Purcell later followed a rebound from the English goal-keeper to score the second goal. In both cases R. Beacon had in the second bad for the second bad for the second goal.

Tomorrow

Football

Hockey.

#### **Athletics**

### A close run thing in prospect at Cosford

By Cliff Temple

Athletics Correspondent

Even without Mary Stewart and Katrina Jane Colebrook in the team, victory for Britain's women athletes in today's indoor international match against France at RAF Cosford (1.45) seems a distinct possibility. The British men are bringing out all their indoor stars of the season, including Geoffrey Capes and Sebastian Coe, but they may have a barder task to avoid their fourth international defeat this month.

Ver the challenge does not look Athletics Correspondent

defeat this month.

Vet the challenge does not look as dauncing as it did this time last week against West Germany in Dortmund, a match which was lost only narrowly. A little of the inspiration so apparent there could turn the tables today. Britain are likely to dominate the 3,000 metres, through Ray Smedley and Richard Mine, and the shor put, where Capes and Michael Winch, are currently in excellent form. The French look equally confidently to the long jump and burdles, so much will depend on close events like the 60 metres. Mere hundredths of a second separate the dimes recorded the she desired to contract the side. meres. Mere nundreaus of a second separate the times recorded by the British sprinters, Fill and Hoyt, in Dortmund, and those of the French men, Leroy and Amourex, in the French championships at Orleans, also held last weekend. The event could swing eight points to three either way.

In the 400 metres, Glen Cohen, back on his home track, seeks his fourth international victory in 17 days. Neither Frenchman achieved better than 48.34 seconds in their championships, and Cohen has not been outside 48 seconds against Italy, Spain and West

Germany, so a clean sweep seems imminent. His success this year has been less loudly hailed than that of the middle distance runners, but that should not diminish his ambitions in next month's European indoor

month's European indoor championships.
Verona Elder and Ruth Kennedy should have the measure of their rivals in the women's 400 metres and, even without Miss Stewart in the 1,500 metres (whose world record performance last week would have put her nearly a lap ahead of the winner of the French title), we can look for a British victory there through Cherry Hanson.

Hanson.

The key women's events include the shor, where Judish Oakes in her best form can win; the long jump and the 800 metres, where the French team includes Colette Besson, the 1968 Olympic 400 metres champion, who recorded 2min 8.8sec in her national championships, half a second behind Claudine Aubry. As Susan Smith, the British champion, has run between 2:8.3 and 2:8.5 four times in the past month, it should be a close race.

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Katrina Colebrook, the Commonwealth record holder, with 2:2.5, prefers to run instead in the national women's cross-country championships at Stoke-on-Trent today, and, as reigning northern champion, her chances of qualifying for England's team to compete in the international cross-country championships at to compete in the international cross-country championships at Disseldorf on March 20 must be high. Nor should her absence from Cosford prevent her being named on Monday for the European indoor championships in San Schastian. She has already done

Squash rackets

#### Scully stops an Army clean sweep

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent
The Army won the Inter-services
squash rackets championship for
the third successive season by
beating the Royal Air Force 4—1
at Uxbridge yesterday, having won
by a similar margin against the
Royal Navy a day earlier. As they
have a relatively young team,
sharpened by the presence of three
internationals, the Army's hold on
the championship looks reasonably
secure.

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The RAF, already two matches and eight games down, had a brief flicker of hope when Scully took the first game from Sharkey, while, next door, Stokes was poised on game ball against Stewart. But that was as far as Stokes could go and the Army were 4—0 up when Scully, the sounder player in the last of many crises, came back from 4—7 down in the fifth game to rescue a morsel of dignity

The Army won every other match in straight games. For two games the bounding Stewart was so fast on to the ball that he was like primitive man pouncing on the kind of dinner that has to be caught and killed before it can be cooked. He won 13 points before Stokes previously buffled by the bofsterous speed of Stewart's assault, managed to

by the bofsterous speed of Stewart's assault, managed to strike a semblance of the form he nsed to show as a British inter-national. In the third game Stokes national. In the third game Stokes had five game balls and Stewart needed three match points before a backhand drop induced Stokes to crack a forehand into the tin.

RESULTS (Army names [Irst): 12 \ M. Stewart best W/Cdr P. D. Stokes.

9-0, 9-5, 10-9: 12 C. M. N. Wilson beat S/Idr P. L. Graves. 9-3, 9-2, 9-1: Sgi R. Robinson beat S/Sdt R. Sterkey lost to Corocral P. Scully, 4-9, 9-5, 0-9, 9-1, 7-9; Maj J. W. Beatite best SAC L. Arthur.

#### Mrs McKay lingers only 11 minutes

Heather McKay began her quest for a sixteenth consecutive British women's open squash title with an 11-minute first round victory over Pat Green, at Wembley last night. The 35-year-old Australian professional remained as consistent as ever as she dispatched Miss Green, a Stevenage-based Scot, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0.

Miss Green, aged 28, broke Mrs Mckay's service only four times in the entire match. She seemed overawed at sharing a court with the world champion, who has not been defeated since 1962.

Mrs McKay said, that she had regained her appetite for the game after having considered, retire-ment. "I am as keen now as ever ment. "I am as keen now as ever and I expect to face rather more difficult opposition as the tournament progresses ".

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Tennis

DETROIT: Miss Y. Vermask (South Africa) best Miss B. Stove (Nether-inds), 6—1, 6—2; Miss S. Barker (GB) best Miss S. Cupp vs 'South Africa), 7 Section of the Miss S. Cupp vs 'South (Figure best Mrs K. Shaw (US), Carlot Mrs K. Shaw (US), 5-3; Miss V. Rusici (Romania) best Mrs C. Doerner (US), 6—1, 6—4; Miss S. Walsh (US) best Miss B. Nagelsen (US), 6—2, 7—6.

Skiing

### Hinterseer's first World Cup victory of season

Furano, Japan, Feb 25.—Hans Hinterseer, of Austria, emerged from the shadow of his companiot, Klaus Heidegger, to score his first victory of the season in a men's World Cup glant slalom here today. Hinterseer mastered the 1,320-metre Furano course in 3min 11.58sec to beat another Austrian, Manfred Brunner, who recorded 3:12.10. "Tm very happy because it's a big surprise for me. I bave had bad results in the giant slaloms", Hinterseer said after the two runs.

Ernst Good, of Switzerland, was third with 3:12.27. Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, falled to catch up with Franz Klammer, of Austria, in the World Cup placings by finishing eleventh in 3:15.50. Stenmark, who, with 174 points, is 21 points behind Klammer, said the Furano snow did not suit him.

stein, came fourth in 3:12.67 followed by Heldegger in 3:12.94. Hinterseer said: "I was always trying to get ahead of Klaus Heidegger but I was behind his shadow all the time." Shadow all the time."

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Football: FA Cup preview (12.20) Boxing: Albert Hall bours (12.50, 1.20); Scotrish ABA cham-pronships (2.50)

Show jumping: Northwood meeting (1.0) Superstars: Heat 5 (featuring Kevin Keegan, 1.35) Rugby League : Hull Kingston Rovers v Hull (3.50) Football: Match of the (10.20)

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Barlow's 63

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Colombo, Feb 25.—MCC dawdled through the opening day of their match against Srl Lanka here today, mustering 210 for three from 32 eight-ball overs. With places to be won in next month's centenary Test against Australia, no one was prepared to take risks. Barlow made 63 not out in four hours and a half, Miller 56 in three hours and three quarters and Randal 45 in two hours.

Oppressive heat made conserving energy a major consideration but there were numerous scoring opportunities that were wasted unnecessarily. Spinners bowled all

but 14 of the day's overs and, though the ball turned, it did not

do so quickly enough to make life difficult for the batsmen.

runs in the hour arter he interval and their partnership was worth 63 in two hours and a quarter when Miller, driving inside the off spin of Kaluperuma, was stumped.

Barlow and Randall batted together for two hours, putting on 81 for the third wicket. Both

in four

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two hours.

Racing

Cricket

### **Authority of** Lillee stamped five times

Lillee returned to top form here today to put Australia firmly on top after the first day of the second Test match against New Zealand. New Zealand were dismissed for only 229 runs in their first innings at the close, with Lillee stamping his personal authority on the day's play by taking five wickets, including his 150th Test wicket, and making an important catch.

Lillee, who has been bothered by injury, ended with five wickets for 51 off 17.3 overs and also scored an important breakthrough by holding a superb catch on the boundary to dismiss Edwards, who had been rearing the Australian

nad been tearing the Australian attack apart.

New Zealand got off to a bad start when Turner, their captain, fell in only the second over, but Geoffrey Howarth and Congdon consolidated the innings with a second-wicket stand of 57. It second-wicker stand of 5.

ended when Congdon was caught
behind, off Lillee, for 25. Howarth
went on to score a fine 59 before
falling to Lillee.

The period after lunch proved

The period after lunch proved disastrous for the home team when they lost three of their top-order batsmen in the space of nine runs. At tea New Zealand were in trouble at 142 for five. But Edwards, New Zealand's new

cott today castigated the Austra-

lian players' reaction to an

umpire's ruling in the first Test

match against New Zealand in

Christchurch.

The Australians obviously thought that Glenn Turner, the New Zealand captain, was out when he survived a confident appeal for a catch in the slips by McCosker off Liliee. Turner said it was stressed to him "in Australian terms" that he should have walked.

Writing in The Daily Telegraph, in Sydney, Boycott said that the



able 44, the tail end steadily declined after Edwards's departure. Despite New Zealand's modest total, the Australian Captain, Chappell, was disappointed that his team did not make an earlier breakthrough after asking New Zealand to bat.



for the third whiter. Both preferred a restrained approach to their natural, attacking game, although there were bursts of aggression, Barlow sweeping de Silva for six and Randall opening out in the final hour. **Boycott lectures Australians on etiquette** A. Woolmer, c and b. S. de Silva G. Miller, st Fernando, b Kalu-peruma G. D. Barlow, not bul D. W. Randall, c Fernando, b 

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—61. 124, 3—205.

Edwards, New Zealand's new wicketkeeper, gave the large crowd something to cheer about after the interval with a magnificent innings of 51 in 56 minutes. He hit 11 boundaries in a thrilling sixth-wicket stand of 56 with Richard Hadlee, the last man out, held on defiantly for a value "The chance was there for us to bowl them out quickly", he said. "We did not get the complete breakthrough, but I don't think we lost anything by bowling first." New Zealand have Petherick, an off-spin bowler, in their team in place of Dayle Hadlee, who is medium fast.

Australians "are the world's worst when it comes to walking". He wrote: "The Australian team, though undoubtedly talented in playing skills, need to have a few subtleties of the game spelt out to them.

"The outburst by McCosker and Test in 1971, when I dropped my the and come and only lapse—during the Adelaide Test in 1971, when I dropped my the and stood looking at the The obtains by McCosker and Lillee over the alleged dismissal of Kiwi skipper Glenn Turner on Tuesday is nothing short of pathetic. Just because they are the world champions doesn't mean everything they do is right. Australians are the world's worst when bat and stood looking at the umpire in disbelief after being green run out.
"You would have thought it was a hanging offence the way the crowd and media reacted to my mistake, and yet some of the

things happening on the field now-adays are much worse and little-is said or done."—Reuter.

### Down among the deadly men of bowling the toast is Croft and Garner

### Two go aplundering in the Caribbean

drop the ball too short and lose tators. "I'm not conscious of his line when he is crying for the crowd at all when I'm playmaximum speed. He pinpointed ing." Nevertheless, he has always

Conteh looks forward to

bearding Hutchins

Len Hutchins, who meets John Conteh at Liverpool Stadium for the world light heavyweight title on March 5. gave Manny Goodall, the promoter, a shock yesterday when he falled to arrive on his scheduled flight from the United States.

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Hutchins was expected at 7.30 am by Pan American, but did not arrive until 11 am by TWA. He was rescued from immigration at Heathrow Airport in time to be introduced to Conteh before flying on to Liverpool to complete his preparation.

Hutchins's change of plan was forced on him by a delayed flight in Detroit on Thursday afternoon, and the journey took him 15 hours.

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Conteh, the world champion, travelled 15 miles from Hampstead and looked a good deal fresher.

Hutchins, aged 28 from Kala-mazoo, said he had received three

weeks' notice for this fight as a substinite for Miguel Cuello, of Argentius, but he has been in full training for a contest due to take

From Terry Williams Bridgetown, Feb 25

Colin Croft wanted to be a wicketkeeper until the day the fast bowler failed to turn up for his school side in Guyana. "When we saw he wasn't coming I just picked up the ball and bowled. I to the same of the control of the same of the control of the same of got seven wickers", Croft said shortly after taking another seven wickers, but this time for West ndies against Pakistan in the first

Croft, aged 23, and Joel Garner, aged 24, of Barbados, are the latest additions to West Indies' formidable battery of fast bowlers. of the men they replaced in the Test—Michael Holding, of Jamaica, and Wayne Daniel, of Barbados—they took 13 Pakistati vickets between them in the first Test, which ended in a draw on

Wednesday.
"They blended into the side beautifully. They did everything we expected of them", Clive Lloyd, the West Indian captain, said after the match.

At the beginning of the season Croft, an air traffic controller, and Garner, who turned professional last summer, were just two of a number of solid fast bowlers scattered about the islands here. Then they captured 17 Pakistani wickets between them in a match which Pakistan lost to West Indies

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Suddenly everyone was equating them with Holding, Daniel, Andy Roberts and Vanburn Holder, who destroyed England last summer. When Holding and Daniel pulled ont of the Test here with injuries was his they were the natural choices to fill the vacant fast bowling places. Now that Holder also is hurt, it looks as though Pakistan will see a lot of the two new men in this services.

tralians are the world's worst when

Croft is big and brawny, built rather like that other great West Indian fast bowler, Wes Hall. But next to Garner he is tiny. Garner stands 6ft 8in in his bare feet and shambles loose-limbed about the field rather like Clive Lloyd until there is some decisive movement to be made. Then, like Lloyd, he explodes into superbly coordinated

Garner and Croft move the ball both ways in the air and off the pitch. Croft, who is fractionally faster, says this is his most impor-tant asset. Garner believes his biggest advantage is his height. As one cricketer said: "Any man who Though he is not as fast as great aplomb, to the delight of Croft, Garner probably has the better control. Croft still tends to not consciously play to the spec-

cularly for greater precision in his run-up as the two areas in which he could improve most. Garner said the thing that needed improvement in his game

Garner can improve. Most ex-perts expect that Garner will increase his speed. He also has the talent to become a first-class all-rounder, rather like Pakistan's Imran Khan.

Garner played elegantly in scoring 43 in the first innings of the Test here, producing shots worthy even of Vivian Richards; But he was out without scoring in the second innings, dismissed by a ball from Saleem Akaf which bardly left the ground. His innings performance was all the more creditable because be was met by a barrage of bumpers from lmran and Sarfraz Nawaz, who

brings the ball down from that were annoyed by the occasional height must be difficult to play, short ball he bad bowled at them. Look at the sogle he is getting."

Garner faced the bouncers with

not consciously play to the spec-tators. "I'm not conscious of

The American, a rangy Negro, sported a small beard but Conteh said he would not insist on it being shaved off. "I can punch a bit harder than that beard can keep out", Conteh said. "If he has to rely out that for protection, it will be a bad job for him."

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This will be a bad job for him."

This will be Hutchins's second world championship fight. In December, 1974, he met Victor Galindez, Conteh's great rival, for the WBA version of the championship. The contest took place in Buenos Aires, Galindez's home town, and Hunchins was stopped in the twelfth round, although not before he had dealt the South American a cut which needed 20

American a cut which needed 20

Hank Groomes, Hutchins's mana-

ger, claimed that Galladez has never been the same since. It was one of the two defeats on Hutchins's 29 fight record. Hutchins has had only four fights in the past two years and his one hobby is music. "It soothes the savage in me", he said.

been a favourite with spectators.
"I don't know why. Maybe it's just my height, because it stand

Garner began playing the game, like aimost all West Indians, in the street and on the beach "with a coconut tree bat". He was needed improvement in his game was his batting, a reference to his being considered an all-rounder when he first started playing. He added that he also needed to considered an all-rounder when he was chosen for his school's underlying for Barbados in the under-19 Benson and Unders Cup, he graduated to the Last summer he was in England playing for Littleborough, in the Lancashire League, taking 110 wickets in the season.

think maybe that playing in "I think maybe that playing in the Lancashire League has improved my bowling. You come up against such a variety of batsmen there", he, said. He has had offers from "four or five" English counties. "But I don't know the batter." yet whether I want to play county cricket. I'll decide when I go back to England." Croft. made the Guyana youth team in 1970. In 1972 he spent

team in 1970. In 1972 he spent three months being coached in England and was picked for the Shell Shield competition for the first time. Three years in the wilderness followed "because I was just not good enough, and because I was living in Trinidad for one year, training to be an air controller". He regained his place in the Guyana side this year. —Reuter.

### Crucial test for former champion

Rotterdam, Feb 25.—Bunny Sterling, Britain's former European middleweight boxing champion, Meets Rudi Koopmaus, of the Netherlands, in a 10-round contest here on Monday with the chance of a European title bout for the winner.

Sterling. 28, lost his European title to Italy's Angelo Jacopucci in Milan last Angust and knows he has to beat the hard-hitting Dutchman convincingly to be considered as a serious challenger to Britain's new European champion, Alan Minter. But Koopmans, 29, and unbeaten

in his last 22 professional bouts, is determined to win this crucial test and underline his claims for a bout with Minter, who took the title from Germano Valsecci, of Italy, last month.

Koopmans, a non-stop fighter Koopmans, a non-stop lighter rather than a stylish boxer, will rely on his big punch in both hands, short body hooks and ripping uppercuts to wear down and beat the clever and experienced Sterling.—Reuter.

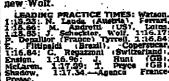
### Motor racing

place this weekend.

#### Watson breaks lap record in South Africa Johannesburg, Feb 25.--John

Watson of Northern Ireland unofficially broke the lap record here today during practice for the South African Grand Prix on March 5.

Watson covered the 2.55-mile track in 1 min 15.23 sec in a Martini-Brabham (an sverage speed of 122.02 mph) to beat the record set up last week by Jody Scheckter, of South Africa, in the



Motor rallying

### Explosive start and fuel stops for Leyland cars Leyland's hopes of victory in toughest stage of the event, the

the Mintex Rally, which started snow-covered Stang Forest section, severe early blows. Their Triumph
TR7, driven by Tony Pond and
Fred Gallagher, had a dramatic
start when its fire extinguisher
exploded in the middle of a highspeed special stage. Pond kept
driving despite chemical fumes
and set up the joint fastest time
among the early starters on the
stage at Rudding Park.

The car screamed into the stage. in Harrogate yesterday, took two

The car screamed into the stage quots thing to clear the fumes Less than a minute separated the leading 10 drivers as the competi-

he leading positions after 12 special stages were 1. A Vatanes and P. Bryant (Ford R51800), 37min 43sct; 2. T. Pond and F. Galiagher (Frunph Trumph 187), 37min 43sct; 3. G. Scisier and M. Heims (Vauxhall Cheveler, 28min 06set; 3. G. Simpson and A. Simpson (Ford Eccort), 28min 17set; 5. H. Mikkala and A. Hertz (Toyota Corolla), 28min 23set, 6. P. Arlikala and C. Francia (Lauxhall Cheveler), 28min 23set.

life difficult for the batsmen.

MCC won the toss and on a grassless pitch set in the middle or a lush, green outfield Miller and Woolmer made a watchful start. They put on 50 in 16 overs and were looking ready to accelerate the run rate when Woolmer, playing too soon at a good length ball, was caught and bowled by Somchandra de Silva, a leg spinner. Woolmer contributed 26 to the 61-run opening stand.

After lunch Miller and Barlow played soundly without ever attempting to dominate the bowling. They scored only 31 runs in the hour after the interval and their partnership was worth Neon Star (A. Turnell), the eventual winner by a neck, takes the last fence just behind Tenecoon (Dr D. Chesney) in the Manor Novices Steeplechase at Kempton Park yesterday.

### Pendil out on his own at Kempton

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent
Because of the loss of both
Teesside Park and Stratford-onAvon on account of the appailing
weather, Kempton Park is the
only race meeting left today.
Thompson Yellow Pages have
again sponsored a steeplechase and
a burdle race, there this afternoon, as has been their custom
in recent years.
Pendil will be trying to win the
Yellow Pages Pattern Handicap
Steeplechase a third time. As far
as his connexions are concerned
this race provokes mixed
memories. Nineteen seventy-three
and 1974 were glorious days, but
the following year Pendil broke
down. Pendil's record this season
has been a glowing testament to
the way he was patched up by
Fred Winter and his veterinary
surgeons and also to the way that
the old warrior responded to their
treatment.
His comeback at Kempton to-His comeback at Kempton to-

His comeback at Kempton to-wards the end of December was so spectacular that it had to be seen to be believed. He won there again in January, when he just managed to account for Fort Devon. Since then Pendil has won again, the last occasion being at again, me last occasion being at Wincanton, where he beat his solitary rival, What a Buck, by 15 lengths. But Kempton has always been his happy hunting ground, and if, as I expect, he is successful there yet again this afternoon it will be his tenth victory on the course.

tory on the course.

Nothing has happened this season to suzgest that Pendil has deteriorated and, although he has his fair share of weight, he still possesses the class and agility to defy the handicapper and to outclass his rivals on occasions like this. Pendil has already trounced What a Buck this season ad there is ground for thinking that he ought to be capable of beating him

worse terms. Over three miles around Kempton he ought to be able to outpace both Even Up and Shiffing Gold. Rathvilly and Brown Admiral have done most of their racing over two and a half miles, which is arguably the most diffi-

Kempton Park programme

[Television (BBC1): 130, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

1.30 ST JAMES'S HURDLE (+y-0 Handicap: £683: 2m)

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104 10 Tal Girl (D), W. Stephenson, 11-14 S. H.ves 5

106 pp2313 Galabad II (D), D. Inderwood, 11-8 R. Aikins

107 2000 Hessian, J. Webber, 11-2 A. Webber

111 0403 Game David, D. Barons, 11-1 A. Webber

112 0200 Buijel, R. Ledger, 10-11 Mrs N. Ledger, 7

113 002pCd Jolly Pigeon, P. Taylor, 10-11 Mrs N. Ledger, 7

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116 020 Ruilahman, N. Gaselee, 10-7 Mr M. Duerden, 7

117 01p4 Tacarente (D), W. Wildman, 10-7 Mr M. Duerden, 118 020 Ruilahman, N. Gaselee, 10-7 Mr M. Flovd S

118 020 Ruilahman, N. Gaselee, 10-7 Mr M. Duerden, 119 000 Gase Study, J. Joseph, 10-0 Gaselee, 10-7 Mr M. Smith, 12-1 Girl, 8-1 Jolly Pigeon, 1.3-1 Stanaure, 14-1 Life's Ambition, 16-1 Game David, 20-1 citers.

2.0 YELLOW PAGES STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,535: 3m)

5-4 Pendii, 7-2 Even Up, 11-2 Rathvilly, 7-1 Don't Hesitate, 8-1 What a Buck, 12-1 Shijilag Gold, Brown Admiral,

3.0 GALLOWAY BRAES STEEPLECHASE (Novices: E728: 2m

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Tenecos ... Dr. D. Cresses ... Morey St. Denys R. Champion (5-2 Jay) 2

ALSO RAN: 100-50 De Justice. 14th: 11-2 Fairons Boy, 10-1 Saifron Cake, 10-1 Marmalade, 7 ran.

TOTE: Win. 34p; places, 20p. 70s; dual foreest. E3.36, A. R. Turnell, at Mariborough, Nock. 51. Blacksboat did not, run.

2.30 (2.33) ASHFORD HURDLE /DIV 2, part 1: \$560, 2m; 

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Fourseen, 12-1 Landing Party, 14-1 Quiet Water, Royal Doen, 16-2 Dismasted, Freezing Point (14th, 3-1 Night Scenarry, Queeta Cop.: Welsh Song, 30-1 Cedras, Offer Res., Hill Fig. Fast N Losse, 16 Fan.

TOTE Win. 32p; places, 15p, 12p, 24n A. Plit, at Epsom. 61, 21. Rath-dealed did not run.

HONGKONG: 140: Yoshihisa lwashitar (Japan). 74. 68: Terné Suginsa: Japan. 71. 69; Chew Chien-Chen-Chen-Thewan. 70. 70: 141: P. McGleno (USI). 71. 70: 5. Own . New Zegland. 70. 72: Kim Suk-Bong (S. Kares). 70. 72: A. Peie LUBI, 72. 70: Bung Fa ITalwan. 71. 71: 83. Arda . Philippiacs. 71. 71: 143: Mauns . Short Burmi). 70. 73: Lu Lieng-Hoan . 71. Japan. 74. 69: Kazwart Takshash. 74. 77: 78. Eury Takshash. 74. 77: 78. Eury Hong. 74. 69: Kazwart Takshash.

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2.30 YELLOW PAGES HURDLE (4-y-o : £2.254 : 2m)

2.50 XELLUW PACES BURDLE (47-0:LL254:2M)

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304 1101 Leverances (C-D), A. Ingham, 11-3

305 430011 Ambrement P. Talvis 11-3

306 12 Sheishau (C-D), P. Talvis 10-13

307 23112 True Shei (C-D), D. Underwood, 10-15

311 Amplium, D. Keni, 10-10

313 020012 Benevelence (D), W. Clar, 10-10

318 4110 Prince Menham (D), N. Callaghan, 10-10

319 122 Rathconrath (D), F. Winter, 10-10

320 2242 Rathconrath (D), F. Winter, 10-10

321 Uncl. Jee, F. Waltyn, 10-10

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Kempton Park results

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Autumn Sang. N. Wakley (5D-1)

Girandols. J. Francome (7-1)

Also RAN.—5-1 Exapplogist (4th).

16-1 Busted Fiddle, 13-1 Rikroc, The
Guynor, 16-1 Burgem Day. 20-1

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Luben Lad. Norlan, Priory Lad. Varvel.

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1.30 (1.33) ASHFORD HURDLE (Div.

28p. D. Kent, Chichester, 15h. 1.
1.30 (1.35) ASHFORD HURDLE (Div. I. part 2: £592: 2m.
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Roan Rose (T. Lyons, 5-12-0
The Baker, P. Barton (10-1: 2
Miss Tago, J. Burke (-33-1: 3
ALSO RAN.—4-1 Sunrise Hill. 15-2
Tullow Lane, 11-1 Hortoguardd, 12-1
Great Brother, and Virginia Drive, 14-1
Tranca, 1-5-1 Soor for Sale (4h), 20-1
Baythorne (p. 33-1 Aigmon Junctioa, Bush Rose, Comini Miss (u., Harwood Hall, Lavi Trump, Mr Snaps, Qurks Result, Ringmaster, Plunniet, 20 rah.

HONGKONG: Asian championships: Men's singles: Semi-linal round: Yu Yao-iung (China:) best Lin Shih-chnan (China:) best Yao Huan Chin (China:) best Yao Rei-ming (China:) best Yao Rei-ming (China:) best Yao Rei-ming (China:) best Yao Rei-ming (China:) best (China:) best S. Kondob (Japon), 11—7.

MELBOURNE: Sheffield Shield: New outh Wales, 147 for 9 fS. Rixon 55, Callen 6-73: v Victoris.

Badminton

Cricket

Pendit (C-D), F. Water, 12-12-0 J. Francome
What A Buck (C-D), D. Nicholson, 10-11-3 J. King
Even Up (D), Mrs Oughban, 10-10-13 R. J. King
Shifting Gold (C-D), R. Bailey, 8-10-12 W. Smith
Brawn Admiral, F. Rimell, 8-10-0 S. Morshead
Rathvilly, R. Head, 9-10-0 G. Thorner
Don't Heistate (C), P. Cundell, 7-10-0 M. O'Halborn J.

B. R. Davies M. Floyd

[Television (BBC1): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

should not be found wanting on a question of speed. I still be-lieve however, that Pendil is in a class of his own when it comes hold his own in this company. Fred Winter and John Francome

are also hoping to win the Yellow Pages Hurdle with Rathconrath, and they are not without a good chance of pulling off what would be a lucrative double. Rathcon-rath will be meeting Levaramoss on 13th better terms than when he was beaten only a length and a half by the Ingham horse in the Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown Park on January S and that is a simion January 8 and that is a signi-ficant swing in the weights.

The main stumbling block on this occasion as far as Rathcon-rath is concerned could well be Shelahnu, whose trainer, Ryan Price, has made a habit of winning this particular race in recent years, even though he has had comparatively few runners under National Hunt rules. Price won it in 1971 with Melody Rock; again-two years later with Padlocked; and a third time, last year, with Soldier Rose.

and a third time, last year, with Soldier Rose.
Padlocked and Soldier Rose were both from runners whose style was particularly well suited to this sharp course. So is Shelahau. Shelahau won his first rose under Varional Hunt rules at the state of the s race under National Hunt rules at Kempton just after Christmas, making all the running. He jumped like an old hand and eventually beat True Shot by half a deep langth.

course four weeks later. He started at odds on, but on that occasion he was caught by Ambre-mont in the last 50 yards and beaten a neck. Shelahnu did not jump nearly so well that day and I did not like the way be put his head in the air when he was challenged by Ambremont towards the end. He could be a horse who likes to have everything his own way. He may not have that this

easily cut each other's throats. In the circumstances I feel Rathconrath could be a better bet to races like this, as his record suggests. Don't hesitate is a notice and he has run in only one steeplechase. Admittedly, he won it, but it is still asking a lot of one so inexperienced to hold his own it his commany.

As for the best bet of the day. As for the best bet of the day, Flitgrove (3.0) stands out in my opinion. As you might expect of a horse who is a full brother to What a Buck and a half brother to L'Escargot, a Gold Cup and Grand National winner, Flitgrove is a natural jumper of fences. He was a useful hurdler, but whatever he did over hurdles it was likely that he would do even better when his attention was turned to steeplechasing. So it proved at Sandown earlier

this month when he won so impressively. Any horse who can jump around Sandown the way he did ought to be capable of coping with the big fences at Kempton and Flingrove is my firm selection to win the Galloway Braes Novices Steeplechase. At Sandown he beat Miss Boon by four and three-quarter lengths and he should do so again. They will be meeting each other on precisely the same terms.

At .Kempton yesterday Peter Cundell saddled his 100th winner in only two and half years' training when King Shaw won the Emblem Handicap Steeplechase. Beforehand it looked very much jumped like an old hand and eventually bear True Shot by half a so though the handicapper might have underrated King Shaw, and dozen lengths.

Shelahnu was expected to win that Martin O'Halloran gave him again when he returned to the lish head jumping the fifth sence from the finish there was no hold-ing King Shaw and it was soon clear that only a fall could stop him from winning. Happily for Cundell, King Shaw is far too good a jumper to throw away such a golden opportunity as this and he came home unchallenged. from the finish there

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The Jockey Club have h down an application for a li. to ride under National Hunt by the 58-year-old Duke Alburquerque. This decision lows a visit by the Duke o Jockey Club's consultant sur Frank D'Abren, earlier this v The stewards received a n from Mr D'Abreu which said think that there is a possibility of his having a sepossionity on one having a se-fall which might produce per ent disabiling effects, and it own interest primarily I have him that I could not agre. his being issued with a licen

The Duke has not ridde Britain since falling on his horse, Nereo, in last year's ( Nazional. His injuries the broken thigh and damage to head—put him on the critica

The Spanish nobleman w family pedigree goes back 1464, has broken almost e bone in his body in falls in past. Three years ago, he ha screws taken out of an in-leg a week after having br-his collar-buse. In the same at Cheltenham, he broke an a and fractuted his pelvis.

and fractited his pelvis.

He made his first attempt winning the Grand Nationa 1952 when his moont Black fell and the Duke broke vertebrae. By 1965, when he to lead to the period of the fell and the period of the In 1974 be rode in the Ai

race with what was describe.
"a leg full of holes" and
a week-old fracture of the c bone. The following year, riding at Newbury, he was he into a rall which led to am broken leg.

broken leg.

There was a storm only a ago when Marie Tinkler, 51-old wife of the Yorkshire tricklin, was refused a licentide but the Duke was granter Mrs Tinkler, an experienced h woman with many point to successes to her credit, was to ride out three lots at eye to ride out three lots at exe each day and many felt her re unjust in the light of the D: allocation. allocation.

Fred Winter, the trainer of Duke's horses in this country,

Duke's horses in this country, on hearing the news: "I very sad for the Duke. I'm he will take the news badly. I feel great relief for his fa and his friends that he will in the future, in this country way, be allowed to risk life limb and cause adguish to pe who feel so much for him."

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hin the early 1920s that the Lucien and Sacha, father and appeared in London with hanting leading lady, Yvonne os, giving a short season of e under the banner of C. B. They were acclaimed by the d became immediate favourhe public. Lucien made a trewhich he delivered a long

addressing the theatre ie, addressing the theatre as if they were students a lecture. My parents this performance to me in tail, but I was not lucky p see it myself.

er. I have a most vivid recol-I Lucieu's acting in a drama cqueline, in which he played y roue who strangled his misthe final scene. It was the on for this denouement in act that impressed me The scene was a hotel bed-Le Touquet where he had e girl for a weekend. As ood over her as she lay on he suddenly shrank from his crying "Oh-! You frighten for a few moments only perhaps—he seemed sud-grow inches taller and be-towering and terrifying Then, suddenly breaking

completely, he resumed ally charming manner for the te scene. I watched him most and I am convinced that in id absolutely nothing, moving empton his face, his hands or his his absolute stillness and the n of his concentrated imagiontrolled and executed with ate technique, produced on girl and on the audience ordinary and unforgettable I knew I had seen a great

> was evidently a tremendous ith on and off the stage. It that he could eat 12 dozen supper after a performance. te for his stage colleagues vas not beforehand.) And I a film of contemporary celeincluding Renoir, Monet and it called Paris 1900, compiled , which included a fine closeicien, wearing a wide slouch which an eye glass dangled, to the brim by a narrow oth he and his son were great affecting frilled shirts, fur era cloaks and elegant walkks. obviously proud to be tely recognizable as the shed personalities they were. was enormously talented and turning out dozens of plays, d operettas over the years, s directing and acting in most himself. Yvonne Printemps i to have been Lucien's ie at first. Whether this was ot, not long after his father's married Sacha and returned many times to delight Lonvarious pieces artfully cony him to show them both off est possible advantage.

e Printemps was a soubrette, iel eyes, and a broad turnednot unlike that of our own Lawrence, and her acting ething of the same inimitable impish sentimental comedy. ike Gertie Lawrence, whose voice, fascinating though it d be distinctly unreliable and Printemps' tones were exdelicate and true. She was es tempted, perhaps, to pro-top notes unduly in order to her brilliant breath-control, rield rather too easily to de-ा encores. But in Mozart (for er songs had been composed Hully by Paynaldo Trabu) sha

ravishingly youthful and in her powdered wig, black eeches and buckled shoes, acha hovered over her with ir authority, not attempting to ng himself, but contributing a flowing, rhythmic accompanith his speeches, delivered in aressing voice.

nother play with music, , Sacha, as the Emperor apoleon III, sat in a stage box, den by the curtains, his great in their white kid gloves, g at intervals to applaud the as she stood on the stage withge; while in the dressing room hat followed, she parried his s in captivating roulades as rmured, in baffled tones of intreaty "venez soupez avec

records of gramophone ips, especially some excerpts les Trois Valses which un-she never played in London. I give us nostalgic memories of mitable quality as a singer. In Coward's Conversation Piece he wrote specially for her, and she played with success both don and New York, she had to her part in English, parrot , and was considerably red by her difficulty with the ge, though her best scene at max of the operetta was sung

s only near her once, when she itry were guests of honour on their annual visits, at a dinnergiven (rather improbably) by students of the RADA. I timidly ed towards the high table where as sitting, beautifully gowned ejewelled, but Sacha, seated her, guessed my impertinent on and growled imperiously me ne danse pas,", at which I bowed my lase!

tween my legs. acha was obsessively jealous as band he was also a notorious man, and married again several after Yvonne Printemps finally m to elope with the actor Pierre ly. But she was evidently no less ed to be somewhat possessive i, since she insisted that Fresnay never kiss another woman on age after they were married, bediently resigned himself to g saints, priests and confirmed lors for the rest of his distin-

ily met Sacha on one occasion. arch 1939 Peggy Ashcroft and I

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# Golden Days by John Gielgud

Below : Sacha Guitry (right) with Lucien Guitry and Yvonne Printemps in 'Mon Père avait raison ' at the Porte St Martin

were invited to appear at a gala, to celebrate the state visit of the French President M M. Lebrun, in the balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet, part of an entertainment to be given at the Foreign Office in London, the court-yard of which had been covered over and transformed into a theatre for the occasion. It was a tremendous affair, the last of its kind before the war, and I could not help referring to it afterwards as the Duchess of Richmond's Ball. There was a magnificent profusion of flowers, sent from Sir Philip Sassoon's garden at Lympne, masses of azaleas edging the bal-conies and a positive thicket of madonna lilies dividing the stage from the auditorium.

Before the performance the guestsglittering with tiaras, long gloves and fans for the women, and uniforms, medals and sashes for the men-distributed themselves on small gilt chairs. Everyone rose as the royal family entered by different doors, Queen Mary from one, the Duke and Duchess of Kent from another, and lastly the King and Queen, who conducted the President and his suite (which included the nefarious M Laval) to their armchairs in the front row. We actors dragged ourselves reluctantly away from the peep holes in the curtain and the entertainment

It was a long and somewhat patchy programme, as is usual on such occasions. The audience, exhausted by a long day of official functions—a visit to Windsor, the National Gallery, and creasingly restive in their tight clothes. Several elderly gentlemen seemed to be in some danger of falling asleep and slipping off their chairs, and we did not feel that our Shakespeare excerpt was very successful, no doubt we were somewhat inaudible, but we were politely received. Edith Evans appeared with a group of

distinguished actresses representing the wines of France. The most strikingly effective moment was the entrance of a band of Scottish Pipers, magnificently kilted and bonneted, who swung on to the small stage with a great swirl of bagpipes; marched round it, and swung grandly off again. Everybody woke up and applauded vigorously for the first,

Sacha Guitry had been invited to appear with Seymour Hicks in a sketch written by them both-Hicks was a great admirer of Sacha and had acted in English versions of several of his plays. The humour of their joint endeavour lay in attempts by Sacha to speak English and Hicks to reply in French, but both actors were exceedingly nervous and obviously under-rehearsed. I watched them from the wings as they kept drying up and killing each other's laughs, which were not very plentiful in any case. Appearing with them was Sacha's latest wife, Geneviève Sereville, an extremely young and pretty girl. At the morning rehearsal Peggy and I had been asked to come on to the stage to be introduced to the distinguished visitors. Mile Sereville was dressed in a very short skirt, and her stockings were rolled below the knee like a footballer's, showing a considerable expanse of thigh. We stammered a few polite words in our somewhat halting French, to which M Guitry, magnificent with his fur collar and gold-topped cane, made suitably gracious acknowledgement. As we moved tured to remark to Hicks "I say, Sir, that's a remarkably attractive girl with M Guitry, don't you think?" And was rewarded by the trenchant comment try acting with her, old boy, it's the cabman's goodbye."

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Despite the exciting underwater scenes, the James Bond film, Thunderball (ITV 8.0), is not as good as earlier adventures, the live variety show Saturday Night at the Mill (BBC1 11.30) begins a welcome new run with the funny Marti Caine. May I Have the Pleasure? (BBC2 8.5) traces 1,000 years of dancing, and Dr Who (BBC1 6.30) starts a new tale in a Victorian music hall.—T.S.

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BBC 1 7.40 am, Open University. Maths. 8.05, Being Black. 8.30, Where to put a Fower Station? 8.55, Diala-Bus. 9.20, Maths. 9.45, Analysing Motion. 10.10, Systems Management. 10.35-11.00, Student Costs and Grants in Focus. 11.25, Rehind the Eye. 11.50, Chemistry of Carbon Compounds. 12.15, Handicapped in the Community. 12.40, Landscape Maps and the Historian. 1.05, Maths. 1.30-1.55, In Search of 8.50 am, Mister Men. 9.05, Indoors Outdoors. 9.30, Multi-Coloured Swap Shop. 12.15 pm, Grandstand: 12.20, Football Focus; 12.50, Boxing; 1.00, Showjumping; 1.20, Boxing; 1.35, 'The Superstars'-repeat of heat 5, with Kevin Keegan; 2.40, Multi coloured swap shop; 2.50 ABA Scottish Championships; 3.15, Multi Coloured Swap Shop; 3.20, Sporting Highlights of 1961; 3.45, FA Cuphalf time scores and news; 3.50, Rugby League; 4.35, Final Score. 5.05, Tatzan, Lord of the Jungle. 5.30 News. 5.45 Jim'il Fix It. 6.30 Dr Who. 6.55 Film: Masquerade, with Cliff Robertson, Jack Hawkins, Marisa Mell. 8.35 Ronnie Corbett's Saturday Special. 9.20 Serpico. 10.10 News. 10.20 Match of the Day. 11.30 Saturday Night at the Mill. 12.20 am, Weather 8.50 am, Mister Men. 9.05, Indoors

1.05, Marhs. 1.30-1.55, In Search of Zion. 2.55 pm, Film: The Great Stoux. Uprising, with Jeff Chandler, Faith Domergue. 4.15, Play Away. 4.45, Look, Stranger. Keeper of the Wild. 5.10, Horizon. 6.00, Open Door. Friends Anonymous Service. 6.30, Sight and Sound in Concert: Kiki Dee. 7.30 News. ing. 9.20-12.35, Film: Kaseki, with Shin Saburi, Keiko Kishi. 11.30 Saturday Night at the Mill. 12.20 am, Weather.

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8.15 am, ATV. 10.10, The Lone Ranger, 10.30. Untamed World. 10.55, Film: Guas of Wyorsto, with Robert Taylor. 12.30 per, London. 5.15. The Invaders. 6.15. New Faces. 7.15. Celebrity Squares. 6.95, London. 10.40. All You Ried is Love. 11.28, Film: Durchman, with Shirler Kright.\* 12.46-1.10 am, Music-for guitar.\* Scottish

Yorkshire

11.15. Hammy Hamstor-erzan. 12.30 pm. London. V 5.15. New Faces. 7.15. Squares. 8.00. Film: The I. Showman. With John its Hapworth, Cauche Carry 13.10. All You Noed: Larry 13.10. All You Noed: Larry Phylins, 12.40, Epilogue.

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Supersonic Saturday Scene. 9.30,
Hammy Hamster. 9.50, Castaway
(r). 10.20, Junior Potice Five.
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pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the
Ball; 1.20, Sport and the Cinema;
1.45, World Barrel Jumping
Championship; 1.50, John Conte;
2.00, ITV Six: Greyhound Facing
from Harringay; 3.00, International Clift Diving Championship
Mexico; 3.15, Greyhound Racing

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national Cliff Diving Championship
Mexico; 3.15, Greyhound Racing
from Harringay; 3.25, Cliff
Diving. 3.40, Last Harringay Race.
3.50, Half-time Round-up, 4.00,
Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.
5.05 News.
5.15 Muppet.
5.45 The Challenge of the Sexes.
Femis, Ille Nastase v
Evonue Goolagong-Cawley;
Show Jumping, Marion
Monid v Harvey Smith;
Water-ski Jumping, Karen
Morse v Peter Bryant.
6.15 Celebrity Squares.
7.60 New Faces. New Faces. Film. Thunderball (1965), with Sean Comery.

10.25 News.

10.40 Yes-Honestly.

11.10 All You Need Is Love.

12.10 Epilogue.

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### Radio **Mysterious Oriental**

the Fiery Snake turned out the most artractive of these national jamborees I have yet heard. On the page of Radio Times it appeared to be the format as before: a collection of standard Radio 3 pieces, linked only by the fact that they happened to be on the same subject. What we heard in fact resembled a continuous 34 hour feature, so persuasively and smoothly linked that the listener was carried from one part of its theme to the next almost without, noticing and whether he wanted to or not. Indeed, having recorded most of the proeedings, I gave myself an hour to dip; two hours later I was still clamped between my earphones. Piers Plowright, who devised this entertainment, is to be congratulated on making it so much of a piece.

The links were often tiny programmes in their own right— I remember particularly a poig-nant little sketch of the Imperial Family in poverty. But I do not want to give the impression of a succession of good stout couplings with no carriages in between; there was some excellent material here. The White Snake traced the history of a legend old as the Trang dynasty, basis of play and opera but now officially suppressed: yet some of the latest, most immaculate examples of socialist drama bear a quite uncanny resemblance to it; you do not lose your past as easily

Humour is not a characteristic one immediately associates with the Chinese public image, but A Happy Family was a wicked little study of a man sixting down to concoct a short story for no other incentive than the money he hoped to earn; Alec McCowen's reading extracted every ounce of irony. Written by Lu Hsun who died in 1936, this story might be thought of belonging to an older more frontic China and ics more ironic China and its humour therefore less surpris-ing, but even Yesterday; a frankly propagandist piece for the 1960s, was lightly and amus-

ingly done.
These national days and evenings on radio always raise questions about their subjects which some attempt to answer usually by way of literary or cultural analysis. The Year of the Fiery Snake was more im-pressionistic than most of its predecessors which did not mean it raised no questions indeed, as any programme about China must, it raised a million and a half. It did however make very little attempt at answering. Yet to a western listener the puzzles are considerable: what, for example, is the concerion for example, is the concerion between the gentle touch of Yesterday and the vitoperative condemnation of traditional drama expressed in The White Snake? The latter with its abusive rhetoric (so and so and "his gang") sounds nothing short of infantile—just as did the recent accusations against Mao's widow. It makes it very

In the way it was put together, difficult to accept that people Radio 3's celebration of the who can swallow this, to our Chinese New Year, The Year of ears, extravagant rubbish are people to be taken seriously, are the same people who might be influenced by Yesterday. Perhaps they are not. Or perhaps the "extravagant rubbish" emerges only in translation and is to Chinese ears quite differ-ent. I wish I understood. I wish also-on a more parochial point —I understood why Mrs Mao was presented in The White Snake as if she were vituperat-ing down the phone. Or was this a producer's device to add to the prevailing sense of paradox?

There was more of China in

a delightful pair of programmes produced by John Theocharis Letters of a Chinese Lady, George W. Scott's selection from the letters of Kwei-Li to her husband told of the changes that were coming over China in the last quarter of the nine teenth Century as seen by the daughter of a Viceroy-inevitable changes but none the more welcome for that. They were marked by a growth of Western influence which was manifested among the younger generation by such un-Chinese activities as playing tennis or making up your own mind who you were to marry. Placed as they were and nicely read by Carole Boyd, the Letters made apt companions to The Year of the Fiery Snake adding to it a more personal and in many ways less distant and enigmatic view of Chinese life.

We bave our own national enigmas of course and you might say that the Right Honourable Edward Heath is one of them: his public image is as baffling as a Chinaman as heavy-footed as a Russian.
Has a period in the political
desert produced some lightening—a touch of Mac to Heath? If anywhere, then urely this would reveal itself in talking of some beggar's opera, which roughly speaking is what he has been doing of a Monday night these weeks past on LBC. The series has been based upon his book Music—A Joy of Life, a title giving rise to hope, but how has it all turned out? The effect, when I have listened in has been both dire and fascinating. The parrative which introduces little chunks of music is heavily laced with reminiscent anecdote—typically a birthday kept at No 10 at which the so-and-so Quartet honoured the occasion by performing this or that. The this or that then follows on—though not too much of it. As a message it has a sort of interest and it is certainly rather different from the ones we've been accustomed to from that source. The medium, however, is un-changed; this is the same voice which when it spoke of the nation's destiny had that nation

in music a little dissonance adds interest. Perhaps it's all David Wade

reaching for off-switch. It sets

·up quite a dissonance. Ah well,

### Sunday

Be a Sport with Brendan Foster (ITV 11.30) is an entertaining new series whether you watch or take part in athletics, Stephane Audran, superb in last week's film Les Biches, is just as good in Le Boucher (BBC2 10.10), a moving love story, Diana Dors guests in Just William (ITV 4.35) and Young Scientis of the Year (BBC1 4.30) compete for a trophy.—T.S.

BBC 1

9.00 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan.

9.30, Brippuss. 9.45, The Sunday

2ang. 10.10, Happy Return. 10.35,

Zarabanda. 11.00, Wordpower.

11.25, Trade Union Studies. 11.50,

Meditation. 12.10 pm, Your Move.

12.35, The 60 70 80 Show. 1.00,

Farming. 1.25, Other People's

Children. 1.38, An ABC of Music.

1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film:

Mannequin with Joan Crawford,

Spencer Tracy, Alau Curtis.\* 3.25,

Bugs Bunty. 3.40, The High

Chapatral. 4.30, Young Scientists

of the Year. 5.00, Go With Noakes.

5.25, Rob Roy.

5.55 News.

6.05 On the Move.

6.15 It's my Belief. Hinduism.

6.50 Songs of Praise from

St Joseph's Roman Catholic

Church, Chalfont St. Peter.

7.25 Wings.

8.15 Film: Lovely Way to Go.

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Film: Lovely Way to Go,
Sylva Koscina, Eli Wallach. News. That's Life. Read All About It. Images for Sale. The Hero. Weather.

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BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: The Necessity for History; 8.05, Space and Time; 8.30, Foundation Maths; 8.55, Electromagnetics and Electronics; 9.20, The Nervous System; 9.45, Computers; 10.10, The Thirteen Colonies; 10.35, Personality and Learning; 11.00, The University Library; 11.25, The 55 000m and Learning; 11.00, The 05,000m Industry; 11.50, Schooling for the Masses; 12.15 pm, Perceiving a Wilderness; 12.40, The Mackenzie File; 1.05, Piecing Together a Model; 1.30-1.55, The Heavens are Tolling S & Engley Learning with the Proceeding of the Proceeding o Telling. 5.05, Rugby: Lancashire v Middlesex, Waterloo v Coventry. 6.05 BC: The Archaeology of the Bible Lands.

News Review.

The Light of Experience:
My Cab is my Cloister:
The World About Us: The
Loggers of British Colum-

The Lively Arts: Isaac Stern on the Jerusalem Music Centre. 9.20 People to People. 10.10-11-40, Film: Le Boucher, with

Stephane Audran

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9.30 am, The special Chilc
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World. 1.10 pm, Carnon
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didly with his voice, especially in the swaggering Dutch, courage of his lust aria. Gobrias is warmly taken by Peter van der Bilt.

The Swedish choir are light, agile and clear-toned; the livelier music goes well, like the famous and brilliant "See, from his post Euphrates

from his post Euphrates flies!". But I wish Mr Harnonflies!". But I wish Mr Harnoncourt had brought more vigour
and spirit to the choruses; the
devotional Jews' ones in particular lack weight and intensity,
and the fugues have little
punch. Somehow his style—
does he regard this as church
rather than theatre music?—
reduces the possibilities of
choral characterization. It is all
just a little docile for a composer of Handel's substance.

It is good to have Handel's Dixit Dominus back in the catalogue: written during his youthful spell in Italy, it is his earliest work to show a mastery of large-scale choral writing. On this record, first released here six years ago but still sounding tolerably well, Marinus Voorberg and his Dutch forces, adopting fast tempos in the main, catch the vigour, imperuosity

poser of Handel's substance.

As far as I am concerned, my next record may be counted as one-sided. The side I shall sometimes play—nor often, for I find his symphonies incomparably more rewarding than his sacred music is the Bruckner Te Deum. Karajan secures a fine performance, with those repetitive figures and grandly sonorous textures strongly realized and forcefully shaped towards giving eloquence to Bruckner's aftirmation. The ending in particular, with a proper blaze of glory for the soprano high C's and the pounding trumpets, gains extra depth from the un-hurried and personal quality with which the music leading up to it is imbued.

The solo team is unreservedly excellent, with Anna Tomowa-Sintow ringing and steady in the soprano music, Peter Schreier as clear and refined as always in the important tenor part. Warmly recom-mended, then, for Bruck-nerians, But not for Mozar-tians: the "Coronation" Mass, on the other side, is done with total competence but with scarcely any feeling for its true character, with an inappositely huge dynamic range and brisk and unfeeling

Puccini's Mass is an early piece, but many of his stylistic fingerprints are there, and indeed the work was to prove a useful quarry for him later—you will hear pre-echoes of Manon Lescant, Tosca and Suor Angelica, for example. The best thing in it is undoub-tedly the wholly unselfconscious Gloria, with its splendidly jolly beginning, its appealing tenor aris on "Graappealing tenor aria on "Gratias", its stirring unison "Qui tollis" (in "Va pensiero" style) and its brilliant fugal. "Cum sancto spiritu". The gentle sentiment of the graceful, minuet-like concluding Agnus is very characteristic. That Verdi, the Verdi of the Recuiem in particular, lies Requiem in particular, lies close behind is true; but this is music of the next generation, of a young man who was never to be notable for his emotional constraint, Elianu Inbal, his capable soloists and his full-voiced chorus give it full value.

Stanley Sadie

### Records of the month

### Contrasts of deep velvet and high silken sound

Brahms: Piano Concerto No 2. Ousset. Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra/Masur. Decca Ace of Diamonds SDD-R522, £2.50. Brahms: Piano Concerto No 1. Woodward, NPO/Masur, RCA RL 25031, £3.49.

Weber: Piano Concertos Nos 1 and 2: Works for viola and orchestra, and cello and orchestra. Frager/Moog/Bylsma. Hamburg North German Radio Orchestra / Andreae. PRL 2-9066, £6.98 records).

Paganini : Violin Concerto No 1. Belkin. Israel Phitharmonic Orchestra/Mehra. Decca SXI. 6798, £3.50. Cossette KSXC, £3.75.

Saint-Saëns: Cello Concerto. Laio: Cello Concerto in D minor. Fauré: Elegy in C minor. Schiff, NPO/Mackerras. DC 3230 709 25 55 DG 2530 793, £3.59.

Elgar: The Complete Piano Music. John McCabe. Prelude PRS 2503, £2.99. Paderewski: Piano Pearl GEM 136, £1.99.

Krystian Zimerman : Recital. DG 2530 826, £3,59. In these inflationary times

there is nothing better than a bargain. The catalogue is bursting with good versions of Brahms's second piano concerto. But rarely have I enjoyed a performance on disc with fewer reservations than in the case of Cécile Ousset with the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur. To begin with, this French pianist has the prime requirements of strength and breadth for this mighty work. The rapt slow movement is spell-binding, though with a finely impassioned middle sec-



this music, and even the en-gineering is outstanding for

time with the NPO, partners Roger Woodward in the newest version of Brahms's first piano concerto. This is a more respectfully traditional perfortion. Perhaps a little too much mance than might have been tension is released in the early stages of the finale, all delicate grace and smiling charm, but open blind eyes with new light, there is a resurgence of energy Apart from special interest in towards the end. Orchestra and an inner strand or two in the Weber anthology from Malconductor do everything in first movement and an uncolm Frager and others with
their power to match Miss usually emphatic orchestral bass the Hamburg North German
Ousser's intuitive feeling for line for a few bars in the Radio Orchestra under Marc

Adagio, the reading could even be called anonymous in comparison with strong rival versions from Gilels, Serkin, Brendel and several more. The first movement's dramatic conflict is. muted, and the Adagio seems to lack its halo. The finale is the most impressive by reason of strong cumulative growth. Recorded tone is slightly synthetic.

Though just too late for the 150th Todestag, the two disc Weber anthology from Malcolm Frager and others with the Hamburg North German

Andreae is a must for all libraries and the like. No one could hope for more stylish performances of the two plano concertos, at once elegant, fan-ciful and glistening—Frager's pin-point articulation is a constant delight.

With its opening Allegro qualified by the word maestoso (besides an "Emperor"-like plunge into B major for the slow movement) the second concerto is the prouder. Yet nothing could be more mys-teriously romantic and beautiful than the darkly scored

Adagio of No 1. In fact Weber's orchestral writing in both concertos is so frequently more arresting than Chopin's as to make it hard to understand why the Pole so often outs the German on the concert platform. Marc Andreae also finds unsuspected charm and fun in a Theme and Variations and Andante und Rondo Ungarese for viola and orchestra (with Rainer Moog as a winning soloist) besides

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a winning soloist) besides doing the best possible for an unmemorable Potpourri, Op. 20, for cello and orchestra (soloist Anner Bylsma). No cause for complaint in the

The young Russian violini-t, Boris Belkin, and Austrian cellist, Heinrich Schiff, both make promising debuts-on-disc this month in concertos. Belkin (born 1948) is an exuberant virtuoso of the old school, which is to say bent on "makwhich is to say bent on "making the music his own".
Though not every composer could accommodate his licence, Paganini thrives on it. With open-hearted Israelis under Mehta in support he plays the concerto complete (like the much-praised Accardo) and constantly coaxes and tickles your ear with contrasts of deep velvet and high silken sound besides all the tricks of the coache the trade that once made the world think Paganini had sold out to the devil Excellent engineering.

Even allowing for Paganini's own flamboyance in comparison with composers like Saint-Eagns, Lalo and Faure, the cellist. Heinrich Schiff, now 25, strikes me as a considerably more mature musician. "The likeliest successor yet to Ros-tropovich" so we are told in a newspaper quotation on the sleeve, but even in comparison with that great Russian, Schiff is less given to bursts of artisis less given to bursts in artis-cip timed. His style, highly in-tense in expression within his control, is ideal for impression-

able but highly civilized Frenchmen, while from his Gagliano cello (Naples, 1781) he draws the loveliest, plan-gent tone. Charles Mackerras is attentive to balence without apparently inhibiting the NPO. Alike in programme-building, performance and recording,

performance and recording, strongly recommended.
Off-beat adventurers should not miss an assemblage of Elgar's solo piano music complete, most of it daing from immature years, much of it belatedly published, and little of it suggesting any real understanding of the instrument's true potential—though ment's true potential—though
"In Smyrna", apparently
brought to a head in the intoxication of a Mediterranean
cruise, would make a pretty
little recital encore. John
McCabe wisely avoids inflation: he will earn the grattitude of all Flant researchers itude of all Elgar researchers for so renderly and faithfully

putting pieces on record.

Except for those with costly treble-cut or filter knobs to rwiddle. Paderewski can only be enjoyed against a fore-ground of frying pan sizzles. Even so, several of those spring-like moments of magic that made him into one of the immortals can still be recog-nized in an anthology of recordings (Schubert, Schu-mann, Chopin and Liszt) made between 1911-24.

Since prize-winning teen-agers have a way of developing into the Paderewskis of the future, collectors should also not overlook the debut on disc of the Polish pianist, Krystian Zimerman, who at 18 won the 1975 Chopin contest in the face of formidable international competition. His recital (recorded during the contest) reveals him slightly less fanciful a Chopin interpreter than Emmanuel Ax—the recent Rubinstein winner—but with a less than the recent keenly alert musical intelligence as well as a prize-winner's fingers.

Joan Chissell

### Delicious musical plums

Schubert: Arias and Duets from the operas. Ameling/ Ahnsjo. Rotterdam PO/de Waart. Philips 9500 170, £3.50. Mozart /Rossini : Operatic Arias. F. von Stade. Rotterdam PO/de Waart. Philips 9500 098, Grieg: Suites 1 and 2 from

Peer Gynt: Five Songs. Söder-ström. NPO/A. Davis. CBS 76527, £3.49. Glinka/Rachmaninoy: Songs.

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mentators, though he cultivated the genre assiduously the comic opera Die Zwillings- record. brüder, most welcome.

ambology of solos and duets busy in recording studios, conduct the whole dozen, Beefrom six Schubert operas will though too seldom in complete cham only ten in a classic in

Both works are minor-key

Drang to justify their nick-

names of "Trauer-symphonie"

passion is elevated in poise.

Here the estimation of the

special expressive pleading, as

he does in the Adagio of No

44 the warmth of his approach

certain. We need to hear, if her Octavian is due) and many possible see, whole works in of us are waiting for her context; the Philips record records of songs by Poulenc offers only musical plums, and Ives. Her latest offering though Alfonso und Estrella is recalls her Rosina and Cherurepresented by a sequence of bino on stage, but in excerpts, five adjacent musical numbers arias by Rossini's Desdemona from the second act (an and Cenerentola, Mozart's extended love-scene in effect, Vitellia and Sesto (in La clevery fine).

here with their orchestral carino" are typical of an Die Freunde von Salamanka accompanied with a nice stereo sely recorded for comfort, but a real trill and carelessness three numbers from Die Bürg- about grammatically essential been given short shrift by com- schaft prove most attractive, graces. Vocal charm makes up even Mozartish in the quartet for these, partly, and for some with two extra boy trebles, slithery runs. and at his death left behind 14 The musical plums are cer- Devotees of Elisabeth Söderstageworks, several incomplete. tainly delicious, Miss Ameling ström's art will seize grarefully Interest in them seems to be as sweetly alluring of voice as on the Grieg record for a cypireviving nowadays and it is ever, with Claes-Hakon Ahnsjo cally versatile and imaginative good to observe this from broad- as lyrical tenor partner (now "Fra Monte Pincio" casts, concert performances and then his tone coarsens) greatest, grandest song, and the occasional stage and dapper, lilting orchestral surely), and for tender, inward readings of "Jeg elsker deg", "En syane" and other favourites. Andrew Davis, who ing this week). Last month there was a new recording of plete Fierrabras or Alfonso on self, conducts the Peer Gynt

menza di Tito), and Zerlina, as The soprano ariettas from well as the roles named above. Clauding yon Villa Bella may Her spirited "Una voce" and already be familiar, enhanced sensuously clinging "Vedrai,

accompaniment. A duet from attractive recital, strongly maninov side contains familiar

suites in affectionate style, rider, most welcome.

The lovely and talented only nine movements out of a possible twelve (Barbirolli and, doing without a choir Gibson

terpretation). Söderström's special feeling for Grieg will sway some loyalties, particu-larly in view of the other songs ("The Princess", whose text Delius fanciers know as "Twilight Fancies", is new to

Glinka's songs are poorly represented in the British record catalogue. Since they throw a special light on his musical individuality, Mr and Mrs. Postmoroish Mrs Rostropovich must be thanked for devoting half a record to some of them, which they interpret with irresistible love and sensibility. The Rachsongs, to me less sympathetically performed though some times, when exaggeration is put aside, pure, simple artistry reveals the music quite afresh and memorably.
Ingvar Wixell's recital of

Verdi arias is skilfully chosen, ranging from Atilia to Falstoff, a superb but not always obvious collection of the great baritone show-pieces. Wixell's beautiful, but a vehicle for musical art, surging passion, hushed tenderness, the music of sung words, a smooth sculpted vocal line, temperament precisely directed. The voice sharpens and loses focus here or there not seriously. The Dresden or chestra contributes superbly under Silvio Varviso's sympathetic baton.

William Mann

#### Opera at the Wells The London Opera Centre will

presenting Britten's Rape of Lucretic at Sadler's Wells on March 15 and 16 and April 1 and 2 and Lully's Alceste on March 18 and 19. The Rape of Lucretia will be conducted by Roderick Brydon and produced by Tom Hawkes. The open-stage production of Alceste has been redesigned for the Sadler's Wells stage by David Myerscough-Jones with William Chappell as producer. choreographer and costume Last March the RNCM Opera designer, and James Robertson, (also the translator) will conduct the performances. As become from Royal Academy of Music,

lege of Music production of Puccini's La Bonême in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, on March 22 at Sadler's Wells. Additional performances will be on March 23 and 31.
On March 29 and 30 the col-

lege offers a double bill of one-act operas, Vaughan Williams's Riders to the Sea, conducted by postgraduate student Andrew Penny and produced by Euan Smith, and Brian Hughes's Stars and Shadows, conducted Last March the RNCM Opera

the Europa Singers and the Copenbagen, now makes a re-the ballet from the Rambert ciprocal visit to Manchester School. Trinity College of Music and London, presenting an opera is providing two separate double bill on March 25 and 26 chamber orchestras.

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album conducted by Bernstein.

The Bavarian Radio Symphony Crchestra may not rank among the world's best, but they respond well to Bernstein's and the feeling of challenge is enthusiasm and his very evident affection. In the fourth piano concerto Claudio Arrau which the composer set so piano concerto Claudio Arrau manages to avoid making the Beethoven: Overture "Leonore" No 3, Piano Concerto No 4, Symphony No 5. Arrau. Bavarian Radio SO/ Bernstein. DG 2721 153, £6.50. allows himself to be persuaded as well, where the performance Schubert: Symphonies Nos 5 might have been better for a touch of sane clarity. As it is, the piece almost drips at the edges with sentiment. But the symphonic dramas of the third Leonore overture and the fifth and 8. Concertgebouw/Haitink, Philips 9500 099, £3.50. Schubert: Symphony No. 9. Legnore overture and the firth symphony are forcefully conveyed, to the extent that demur is impossible. As a recording of a live concert, moreover, the set has infectious excitement; and as a charity release in aid of Amnesty International, for whom the concert was given last October, it deserves success. Dvorak: Symphony No 7. Concertgebouw/Davis. 9500 132, £3.50. Philips Saint-Saëns: Violin Concerto No 3, Chausson: Poeme, Faure: Berceuse. Stern. Faure: Berceuse. Stern. Orchestre de Paris/Barenboim. CBS 76530, £3.49. Shostakovich: The Gadfly. USSR Cinema SO/Emin Kha-chaturian. HMV ASD 3309, Haitink's recordings of Schu-

Stockhausen: Trans (two per-formances). South West Ger-man Radio SO/Bour, Saar-brücken Radio SO/Zender. DG bert symphonies have a more sober appeal, and a considerable one. The winds of the Concertgebouw sound superb, Concertgebouw sound superb, whether they are blending in soft chords or gracing the music with nicely turned phrases that avoid all clichés. But their work would have gone for little if it had not been see into performances paced with unerting skill. I find Hakink's way with the fifth symphony particularly attractive, making it trip along while not intruding on its cool manners. The main triumph, however, is his performance of the ninth, for which his "Un-Barenboim's coupling of Haydn symphonies makes an apt starting point for a group of romantic orchestral records. pieces with enough Sturm und and "La passione", though of the ninth, for which his "Un-finished" offers a preparation. Some accounts of the C major course, Haydn being Haydn, are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them. Hairink's is one of the first. balance is usually just, but when Barenboim goes in for

Colin Davis conducts the same orchestra in his recordis undermined by the strident ing of Dvorak's seventh symptomy, and yet how different they sound. The moulded phony, and yet how different they sound. The moulded

appropriate in a work by which the composer set so much store. However, Davis manages to avoid making the fast movements sound just furious, helped in this by some beautiful orchestral playing. Less troubled paths are trod in the disc of late uneteenth-century French works for violin and orchestra, recorded by Isaac Stern with Barenboim again, this time conducting the Orchestre de Paris. The best piece here, though it appears on the B side, is Chausson's Poème, which Stern discreetly divulges as a pure reverte, quite without sentimentality. Barenbeim supports with careful attention to the work's subtle variability of pace. In the Saint-Saëns concerto there is more of a discrepancy between soloist and orchestra, Stern being elegant while Barenboins finds something more unsertled in the accompaniment, as if

We arrive at the Twentieth century with some very, very minor music by Shostakovich. His score for The Gadfly, a film of romance and revolution set in nineteenth-century Italy, was composed not long after the tenth symphony, but unless this suite arranged by Lev Atoumian grossly misrepre-sents him, he was not bere exercising anything like the same imagination, or even taste. Almost all of the music is trite and quite unrecogniz-able as by Shostakovich.

occasionally questioning the violin's easy flow. Faure's Ber-

And so to Stockhausen's Trans, composed in 1971 and the most recent work of his to appear yet on record. I first heard this piece under excep-No such inconsistency shapes encouraged by Haitink tional circumstances which I afflicts the Beethoven double are replaced by open outlines, shall now relate, since my

by them. It happened in Metz on a dull day in the late November of 1973. Trans was to be performed in the even-ing, and knowing next to noth ing, about the work, I decided to go along to the theatre in the morning on the off-chance that there might be a rehearsal. I let myself into the deserted foyer without diffi-culty and then opened a heavy door into the auditorium. Exactly as I did so, the curtain rose and Trans began. What I saw as the curtain

reaction is bound to be coloured

what I saw as the curtain lifted was a string orchestra in three tiers, seated behind a gauze and bathed in misty violet light. They were playing dense yer ethereal clusters, while from behind came flurries of woodwind, churnings from the brass and stifled crashes from the percus crashes from the percussion. Every so often, more or less regularly, there was a crack and a clatter, pulling the ever still strings to a new chord; this noise, I later learned, was the recorded sound of a weavthe recorded sound of a weaving shuttle. So the music went
ou, hardly disrurbed by such
things: as the sudden
appearance of a fanfaring
trumpeter above the tiers of
strings at one point. It was
like a dream. like a dream.

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And in fact Trans appeared to Stockhausen in a dream, complete in every detail. No recording can, of course, be more than a partial representation of such a work, but the first side of the present disc provides atmosphere to make up for the lack of what is an awesome energally. The recordawesome spectacle. The recording was made at the world pre-miere in Donaueschingen, and provides both the sense of a new minting and the often aggressive reactions of the audience. On the other side is a studio recording Unal Trans is staged in this country, these performances will have to do.

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### Getting down to cases

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and because of fears that the

mini-Budget would involve heavy increases, in VAT as well as duty.
\....tever happens in March, however, the actual price of a bottle of wine is hardly likely to go down. Robert James (79, Aslett Street, SW18), whose list is always of great interest, accompany it now with a suc-cinct statement to the effect that, since they brought out this descriptive list in the autumn, there have been the following increases: 15 to 30 per cent in the basic cost of many lower-priced wines; 12 per cent in carriage and in make the delivery, because surance; 10 to 25 per cent in their orders have, naturally, to bottling materials; 10 per cent be sent out so as to save one in excise duty, 10 per cent in van being used for a single freight—and, of course, subcase. A fairly typical delivery stantial rises in their own runcharge for, say, outside the ning costs. It is not possible to London area to a firm based in avoid these increases henceforth, but the buyer of wines for everyday or short-term consumption should bear certain things in mind when shopping.

Most people are aware of a case or even slightly more if Midland. Road. St

wine at a time: the cost of of cheap wine. This means that sending three cases is virtually the same as for sending a case. wine, the more the quality will For five cases or more, the rate goes down significantly, are seldom merely I French & Foreign Wines (10 price of the bottle), St. James's Place, SW1) advise customers to join rogether so as to get the benefit of the If you buy less than a case "several case discount" and, significantly, many firms is simply to recork the report that customers for even. In the house of any 1 modestly priced wines are now or merchant this is ordering several cases at a practice and a stopper time, appreciating the saving on delivery charges and, of course, getting the case dis-

charge. Many firms will not count. accept orders for delivery of Purchase of a case of wine less than a case, the majority usually means a discount and this is often also made on a now cannot send, single mixed case of wines, though it is not always possible to offer it on a case that is a mixture bottles-the cost can be more than the price of a bottle. So, ideally, have a retail source of of both wines and spirits. But it is worth asking about this when you order. Cash with order, whether in the form of supply for everyday wines where you do most of your shopping and can easily take bottles home. Or, if possible, buy from a merchant who will a cheque or actual money over the counter usually gets a dis-count as well—the buyer gets the benefit because the firm is deliver free of charge within your area-many firms still manage to do this, although not involved with the book-keeping or extending of credit; remember, this applies even when you have an account at a wine merchant, some may take a few days to make the delivery, because their orders have, naturally, to

the capital will be about £1.10 per case, but, although the including the old-established firm may simply make this sin-Balls Bros., at 313 Cambridge gle charge throughout the Heath Road, E2, and Laytons United Kingdom, it can cost 23 have just opened one at 20

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wines, the litre or large will cost less, proporti Wine in bulk packs lon or two fitted with can prove an economic chase, as it will last for three months at least Baillie Vintners, 20 St hay West, Exeter, Devo first-rate wines in pac-Lockstoke Titd, M Sussex, have another range, both of them of fortified as well as table (Vockstoke account at a wine merchant, so, if you can pay at once, it will save you something.

There are now many reputable wine merchants running special cash and carry outless, including the old-established Balls Bros., at 313 Cambridge Hearh Road, E2, and Laytons have just opened one at 20.

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### Gardening

### How to make the worms turn

Long standing readers of this column will remember how for long and at least we have a good many years past I have called attention to the Canattention to the Candlemas day legend, and if you checked the weather on February 2 again this year you

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in the North cannot last very connexion with the special sneaked through most of February, which is the month I fear most as far as the weather is concerned.

to pay a substantial delivery

But the exceptional rainfall will know it was "cloudy with of the past six months, while rain". So, if the old legend highly welcome to the water holds good "winter is gone and won't come again". Certainly, even the cold snap now tioned several weeks ago in

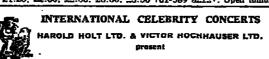
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ofter of lawn fertilizer, much plantations of root cro will protect all root crop such pests as cabbage a carrot fly, onion fly, cut leaching must have taken place—that is, the washing down to lower levels of plant foods, particularly nitrogen. During March we will be having a special offer again of Phostrogen, the remarkably cheap and popular general fer-tilizer. So, if you can be generous to your garden this year, giving it as much organic manure as you can afford, and keeping plants growing happily with a general fertilizer; I am sure 1977 is the year when on paving. I get rid of woodwork by paintin spraying on clear or co Cuprisol, or where the such an investment will pay off handsomely.

It is too early to say whether the recent mild weather will have been favourcressote. On paving or paths Jeyes' Pluid will g able or not to pests. It would be nice to think that many of them have been lured our or hatched out earlier than usual, and that one or two sharp cold

and that one or two sharp cold spells would put paid to them. For this we must just wait and see.

One pest, however, that caused a lot of trouble, especially on potatoes last year and in my garden the year before is the cut worm. Wireworm is a common cause of damage to potatoes, especially if these potatoes, especially if these have been grown on ground the grass and weeds to go previously covered with turf, strongly as possible b. previously covered with turf.

Some years ago I acquired a piece of pasture land adjoining weed, the more of the my garden, and for several killer it will absorb the some. Just as we got on top of them the cut worms appeared and played havoc with sweet in April and May.

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Now Murphy have added a conditions when the grant of products for the home gar it by applying a spinishle dener. It is bested on chlor killer, now and then fee pyrifos, a chemical that is lawn after a couple of the strongly as possible by the greater the leaf area to the foliage. Also, these weather has begun to we we the home and the products of the more of the foliage. Also, these weather has begun to we we weather has begun to we we weather has begun to we weather has begun to we we we we have begun to we we we we have the foliage. Also, these we have begun to we we we have begun to we we have begun to we we have begun to we have the foliage. Also, these we have begun to we have the foliage. Also, these we have begun to we have the foliage. Also, these we have begun to we have the foliage. Also, these we have the foliage. Also, the second the foliage. Also, the second the foliage.

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First, finish any digging that needs to done.

Cut down old stems of herbaceus plants, remove weeds, apply a fertilizer, and fork the borders over lightly.

Lift, divide and replant herbaceous plants if you wish to increase your stock of any of them. Throw away the worn out centre part of a clump and Apply a fertilizer, and borders over lightly.

Lift, divide and replant herbaceous plants if you wish to increase your stock of any of them. Throw away the worn out centre part of a clump and replant only strong young shoots with healthy roots from the outside of the clump.

Order, or buy from a nursery garden centre any new eas, shrubs, trees of may wish to may wish to may wish to see and remove the control of the clump.

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Stock up with gerden sundries you know you will need-caues, stakes, pea sticks, string, insecucides and the like. Have shears or secateurs sharpened. Have the lawn

mower or cultivator serviced as soon as possible. Tuere is already a waiting list at many service agents. If not already done, set seed potatoes up to sprout in trays in a light, frost free place. Plant seed potatoes under cloches or in pots or other. containers in a greenhouse or cold frames about the middle of the month. Plant early and second early potatoes in the open towards the end of the month but wait wait a call to month but wait wait and a call to month, but wait until April in cold exposed districts and in the north. Sow radishes, turnips, peas,

broad beans, lettuces, onions and carrots in the open, or under cloches if available to hasten the harvest. Plant Jerusalem artichokes, shallots and onion sets. Lift and divide clumps snowdrops and crocuses, after they have finished flowering if

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You can go from the Mara plain up into the mountain forests of the Aberdares (11,000 feer and more); climb Mt Kenya (17,000 feet); or traverse the deserts of the northern pro-vince to the lunar landscape of Vince to the lunar landscape of Lake Turkana. There is the lush farming territory of the old White Righlands, bird sanctuaries on the lakes (really quite pink with flamingoes) or the full tropical climate and Arabian flavour of Mombasa and the resorts of the Indian Ocean.

Nairobi is apparently short of hotels, more so since it has hotels, more so since it has become a popular capital for international conferences. A return flight from London on a British Airways Jumbo would cost over £560, and internal travel in Kenya either by air, the railways, or the local air charter companies is alarmingly expensive with an exchange rate of only 13 Kenya shillings to the pound. If you want to encompass a tour which takes in Nairobi, the game reserves and Nairobi, the game reserves and the coast, it is easier to book a direct package tour in London where a two week whirl round the British Airways Associated Hotels—safaris, seaside and all —will cost about £550.

Nairobi has come a long way from the days when a practical joker left a late-night party at the settlers' Muthaiga Club and quietly deposited a load of elephant dung down Delamere Avenue, startling the citizens of the little capital into the belief that they had had an elephantine visitation during the night. Today Delamere is now Kenyatta Avenue, the Muthaiga is multi-racial and apolitical, and Nairobi, while retaining its beautiful gardens of bourgainvilia and gum trees galore, has shot up into a thrilling city of Africa—bursting with goods, traffic and a welcome absence of any bitterness 13 years after the end of British colonial rule. The Nairobi Serena Hotel is what you might call the flagship of the British Airways fleet. It has clearly profited from its association with the Aga Khan (a joint interest) into securing the most coveted site in town right in the middle of the central park yet only five min-utes walk from Nairobi's shop-

ping nexus. Kenya's prosperity and pro-western stance has created a self-confidence in Kenyans and a lack of rancour against the former colonialists which is rarely encountered elsewhere in Africa. Here your restaurant waiter will be the proud owner any climatic, cul- of perhaps a 100 acre coffee sological varieties. farm; while, in contrast, the



jockey club at Ngong race course still sports on its race card names like Cavendish-Bentinck and Markham which might have graced notice boards at Newmarket 200 years ago.

One drawback of going to Kenya on an economizing package is that you would miss the experience of going to the coast by train. Take any African train with its narrow gauge and claw bulbons unwantly companies. slow, bulbous unusually com-fortable coaches, and you have to leave impatience behind on the platform. The station signs all include their altitude, which is a nice rouch as you drop 5,500 feet in the run down from Nairobi to Mombasa. And somehow every departure has an epic quality to it, reminiscent of more momentous journeys across the Dark Continent when both railways and the European penetration of Africa were in their infancy. Even last November several coaches of this express plunged off the line when the train encountered a bridge which had been washed away by torrential rain.

At the coast, however you get there, a different non-African world intrudes. Since the rape of Zanzibar, Kenya's

into its own. Suddenly we are in the tropics. The sea is the same sea though so blue now that it is almost painful; and the sand is as white as the sea is blue, only this time the pain is real as it is much too hot for bare feet in the heat of the day; the palm trees, as always, look just how they do on every

There is a bus service right outside the Serena Beach Hotel which takes one the 20-odd kilometres into Mombasa, if the studiedly autarkic set up at the studiedly autarists serup at the hotel has still inconceivably failed to satisfy all one's wants. There is much shouting and laughter, as much from machine as from man, before the bus clatters over Nyali bridge into Mombasa. But who would pass up a two shilling ride when a taxi over the same course costs 50; besides the heat on the coast is such that if you haven't gor enough time to go by bus, you have not got enough time you have not got enough for your journey in the first

A word of warning must in-

own Araby in the narrow streets and studded doors of her coast idyll. If you find yourself anytowns—right up to the jewel of where near a public building lamu Island—has rather come at six o'clock (sundown) and the building is equipped with national flag and flagpole, stand up and stand still when you hear a whistle blow; any whistle. On reflection, it might be wise to stand up anyway, even if you can't hear a whistle. My wife's quiet reverie on the grass of a Mombasa square was interrupted by the peremptory tones of an over-zealous police constable arresting her for in-sulting the President. The offence: not standing up when-he blew his whistle and lowered the flag. She was led off with

four youths in similar disgrace, and spent an hour or so on the wrong side of the cell doors, fore they let her leave the local police station. It all made the postcards home more in-Charles Douglas-Home

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I was amused to find among my notes a 20-year-old paragraph from a magazine which purported to give the latest scientific ploys: "It is fair in say that every expert agrees on leading the lowest card of his partner's suit from three to the king or queen, and the majority of experts lead low from three to the jack or ten." I was too astounded by this assertion to rebut it when it was made; but, 15 years later, I was compelled to discuss the opening lead in Winning at Rubber Bridge because there are many would have produced two spades and one diamond trick to break the contract. Four No trumps by East was a lay-down and at rubbes bridge Two, No trumps was superior to One O e s a Diamond as a response to the O e s a Diamond as a response to the O e s a local say the way.

North led the V3 as he had been taught and gave away the game. Declarer seized his chance to disconnect the defenders and played low from the discard of one of his losers. West led because there are many South on play with the VJ was and East respectively.

15 years later, I was made; but, 15 years later, I was compelled to discuss the opening lead in Winning at Rubber Bridge because there are many occasions when the choice of occasions when the choice of card is vital to the defence. My conclusion was that stan-dard leads are unsatisfactory; "Experience alone will guide you... and it may be advisable to play an honour when opening in order to retain the lead." It is especially important when partner has made a defen-sive preemptive bid to lead the top of his suit because he is unlikely to take more than one trick in it and the contract may depend on the choice of switch three tricks. The opening lead of the jack I cannot give a better example

of the need to lead the top card from three to lead the up card from three to the king of part-ner's suit than the deal which I selected for my book. Game all: dealer West. Č Q J S ♣ 5 4 3 8

East South
1 Diamond & Rearts
5 Clubs No South's ill-timed preemption in Hearts diverted his partner from leadin the \$J which

Bridge

Guiding the defence

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south on play with the VJ was now powerless. He returned a heart on which declarer threw a diamond; it was a matter of moments to draw rumps and establish dummy's long diamond for the eleventh trick. If North had not swallowed all that he had been taught about defence his lead would have been the OK. Declarer could not then afford to duck in dummy because of the menacing spade switch, and he would later be unable to deprive the defence of

or ten damages the defence when it presents declarer with a second guard in the suit. Alternatively, the lead of the lowest card from either of these honours may suggest to partner that the lead is from three to the queen or king, and cause the suir to be blocked. I would never lead the lowest card from the ten, even if I had not supported the suit, unless I had four cards in it; the danger of confusing partner is greater than any possible benefit from a belated control.

An aggressive expert had great faith in weak opening bids by third player; his partner had studied his methods and this is how they lost a game.

North South game: dealer

⟨K taken by West who returned the ♠10. Any defence that existed was now destroyed. because East was forced to win with the AA and could not make the long spade or manufacture another wink. Declarer 'cleared dummy's diamonds and

made game.
The bidding and play have the appearance of being elementary, but East and West had more than once won the European championship. West explained to me afterwards that he felt as if he were sitting on a volcano when his parties opened One Spade third in hand, and they had arranged that he should always lead his lowest from three to an honour. West would have been better advised to lead the ten which East would have ducked, and have ducked again if West played a second spade. North South could then have been held to eight tricks. There is little to be argued on behalf of any arrangement which does not distribute to the tention of the second state. three to the ten from the lead-which announces the presence of the jack, queen or king.

Edward Mayer

Guide

### Eating at theatres

Good Food

The violinist Georges Enesco (according to one of Rubin-stein's stories) was once bullied into playing the piano for a mediocre pupil's debut recital, and at the last minute got his friend Alfred Cortot to turn the pages for him. This enabled the Figoro critic to remark next morning on "an extraordinary concert, in which M Enesco, whom we adore as a violinist, played the piano, and M Cortot, whom we adore as a pianist, turned the pages, while M —, who should have been turning the pages, played the violin".

The tale is apposite to the problem of restaurants in theatres and concert halls. Actors and musicians and even their critics—are often excellent cooks, whether through native creativity or because their spouses, if any, object to the hours they keep and decline to cook dinner for them on their return. Likewise, waiters in restaurants are often at pains to let you know that if things had turned out otherwise, they would have been on the stage. Whereas the cooksor their administrators—so often give the impression that

> ing the stage-door. Perhaps it is unfair to judge. the new National Theatre Restaurant on its early per-formances, and one should at least make clear that the Good Food Guide's critics were not invited, at least in that capacity. But curiosity, coupled with the desire to see what had become of Kenneth Tynan's often-expressed desire to keep the place out of the hands of the

their proper vocation is mind-

catering philistines prompted a The setting shaped like the apple wedges of a tarte aux ponimes, is not happy. Concrete may inspire an architect or improve the mind, but it does little for the gastric juices, and there are draughts, conveying kitchen smells. Hearts sank immediately on reading a routine Franco-Italian set menu (£3.95), described in French : so much for national pride in this quarter. The butter, which ought to have been French (for want of a better English alternative), was a well-known brand of foil-packeted New Zealand. There was no brown bread, either with smoked eel on the first according an artist published. first occasion or with whitebalt on the second. The service was casual in the extreme: "with three tables occupied, it took hree attempts to get the bill " "the wine waiter couldn't be bothered to change the wrong

door table."

The place dutifully obeys the mysterious laws of restaurant chemistry which ensure, ninetenths of the time, that everything will be consistent with first impression of minor details. One visitor already spectra calls fare Farey now reports stale fats. Every now and then, someone in the kitchen clearly raises his head and produces something freshly cooked and interesting: plain roast lamb, fair minestrone, medallions of venison that arouse positive enthusiasm. But the is promptly slapped down by the alter ego who is responsible for the sweetish but vinegary sauce for pork chop charcutière, or for black cherry flan of which the Guide's man drily observed: "The Festival Hall would have hesitated to serve it."

drinks he brought to the next

Ironically, you now do better (for food and wine, that is) at the Old Vic than at the National. Barry Sutcliffe does-much of his own cooking for the cosy wine bar here, which day to Wednesday.
Michael's on the Bristol
waterfront is open even later, looks inviting with its check cloths and long buffet stand, and presents an animated scene at a late lunchtime if you want

to meet or eavesdrop on actors in rehearsal as well as eat. When a play is in production, the place reverts to being a theatre bar in the evening, with the same food served for two hours before cuttain up. (There is no record so far of a visitor with a National rather than an Old Vic ticker being turned away.) The bar's hor-place system does not work well, and you are better off with salads chicken suprême with a very oniony soubise sauce (£1:60) and a game pie (70p) ae high as a catwalk were both good when tried, and the service is obliging. You may drink Hugel's Gewürztraminer or

£2.30 a bottle. The other most significant new arrival among theatre resaurants lately is at the Royal Exchange in Manchester. The ingenuity with which a new theatre has been suspended within the old Exchange has been much remarked, and productions seem to have been sunnily received by the critics so far, perhaps because the management had the good sense to snap up for the kitchen Mr Roy Pegram, whose Fountain Inn at Tintern was an up-and-coming place in the Guide's Welsh section a year or two

back.

other interesting wines at about

The room is pleasant, with reminders round the walls of the companies that used to trade in the building, and when tested. service was brisk, as it should be in a restaurant serving a thearre. The dinner, though it fell off somewhat at the sweet stage, was consistently interesting: an excellent galantine of pork laced with herbs and served with crusty brown bread, with herring fillets in sour cream among the possible alter-natives; a vaguely Indonesian chicken dish with ginger and-for a wonder—fresh pineapple; filet de boeuf sauce poivrade, cooked rare, and properly fiery; and a fairly recalcitrant gateau de chocolat aux amandes. Others report well of Mr Pegram's soups, Moroccan mutton stew with apricots, mousseline de with apricos, mousseline de crabe au madère with a sauce containing horseradish, wainuts and lemon, and other dishes. Wine prices are kept down to a fair level, with Saurignon or Roussillon at about £2, and 70 claret under £3. The place is, of course open to the general

public as well as theatregoers. Naturally not all theatres—or theatrical towns—can boast good restaurants, and theatrelems some other way. Near London's Shaftesbury Avenue, Lee Ho Fook's branch in Macclesfield Street does quite a brisk, trade in the early evening with their succulent plates of barbe-cued duck, rice and Chinese cabbage, which can be ordered, eaten and paid for in half an

In Greenwich the good news is that Hannah Wright is back cooking at Richard Moy's Spread Eagle Restaurant, after a period of ups and downs. They cure their own ham, preserve their own fruits, and make their own ice-cream at 'this house, and though the bazeluut ice was in fact disappointing when tried the other day, the fault was more than made good by the quality of the main dishes: not just the honest Sussex steak (£1.80) but ambi-tions salmon en croute au beurre blanc (£2.45). The pastry was crisp, the fish fresh and der), 1977.

moist, and the beurre blanc though rather stiff, had the right sharpness. Orders are taken here till 11.30 at week-ends, half an hour earlier Mon-

waterfront is open even later, and the dark green and mulberry decor would be a stage manager's delight. Indeed if an Oscar Wilde production were looming, Michael McGowan would have to look out for his épergnes, chaises longues, portraits, and stuffed birds—not to mention his own virtue. For an untrained chef, Michael's food is by various accounts consistent and efficient as well as imaginative. An inspector who is fussy about his pheasant was pleased by this version in cream and brandy sauce with green applies; brandy sauce with green apples; paella and kidneys lyonnelse though hardly late night dishes, perhaps—are well worth trying. So are the vegetables and ice-creams. Moreover, you are invited to choose your own table, and requested to smoke in the bar only-two civilized touches that many more " professional " restaurants have yet to adopt." Another stagy—rather than theatrically connected—restaurant has rurned up lately in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Peter Gowling's Moors restaurant with

its Art Deco interior, pianist, and little dance floor with wicker chairs tends to make people giggle, until they have seen—"or in the inspissated gloom, failed to see "—the drink prices. But Mr Gowling has found a chef who can make good pepper sauce for venison, or mushroom sauce for poussin "so small as to be emotionally disturbing"; and even sherry trifle, always a risk, had been properly made, although it was sparing with the sherry. But you might have to run from the theatre, for last orders are at

National Theatre Restaurant. National Theatre, South Bank, London, SE1. 01-928 2033. Meals 12-2 (from mid March: Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday), 530-1130 (restricted day), 5.30-11.30 (1991), menu 5.30-7.30). Closed Sunday. Table d'hôte meal with wine, about £5.55. A la carte meal with wine, about £6.75. Must

Old Vic Wine Bar, Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, Lon-don SE1 01-928 2801. Meals 12-3; evenings when in produc-tion. Closed Saturday; Sunday; evenings till May 1st. A la carte meal with wine, about £3.25. Must book evening. Royal Exchange Restaurant, The Royal Exchange, St Anne's Square, Manchester, 061-833 9682, Meals 12-2, 6-11, Closed Sunday. A la carte meal with wine, about £5.25. Must book

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meal with wine, about £8:60. Must book CTimes Newspapers Ltd and The Good Food Guide (Con-sumers' Association and Hod-

### Chess

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### The young lions

One of the most interesting and productive of the events run under FIDE auspices is the Junior World Championship. By its very nature the tournament tends to produce keen fresh chess in which the pour release markle like party. young talents sparkle like newborn stars. They know they are the life-blood and precious master spirit of world chess and their play reflects this happy knowledge.

even to the unjaundiced eye, conceited and proud almost to the point of arrogance. Hence Diesen's modesty and good bearing came as a most refreshing surprise and I think all those who knew him at Hastings are unashamedly glad that he is now a world champion. Oddly enough, his chief rival in the event was neither the

Russian master Vladimirov nor the British champion, Mestel. It was a hitherto quite unknown Czechoslovak named Fracnik. In the end Diesen just managed to win the title by a half-point. His score was 10, Fracnik was second with 94 and the Israeli, Grinberg, who had indeed already been known, came third with 9. Vladimirov shared in a foot-way de with Leow (Singapore), Campora (Argentine), and Sisniega (Mexico) with 8½ each. And the British champion.

where was he? Way down in the list with 74 points. Such a reverse was quite unexpected. Jonathan had come third in the previous Championship tourna 11; and reckon on staying to ment and, as recently as last the small bours, for they are slow bringing the bill.

Details:

ment and, as recently as last August, had practically walked away with the British Championship. But somehow or other he never seemed to get going in the Junior World Championship. That he is a player of great promise has been made abundantly clear. But this also applies to his variability in form. One hopes and expects that time will remedy this defect.

The importance of this World Junior Championship event can hardly be overestimated. This last one was the fifteenth in the series and of the 15 world champions that have emerged no less than 10 have become grandmasters, the remaining five being international masters. And, even more striking, two have become senior world champions, senior world ci Spassky and Karpov. It is an interesting exercise

to try to disentangle the relative triumphs. The Soviet, Kt.K5 with good counter-play Union has produced four junior for Black.

World champions: Spresky, 5...PxP 6 9xP P-K3. Karpov, Belyavsky and Chek-hov. Yugoslavia is close behind with three: Ivkov, Parma and Kurajica; Argentina has two.
Panno and bielicki and the
United States of America has
Lombardy and Diesen. Four
countries have one each; Miles
(England), Kaplan (Puerto
Rico), Gheorghiu (Romania)
and Hug (Switzerland).

But the English record is

But the English record is much greater than appears at first glance. Four players have come second in the event and this is a considerably bigger total than that achieved by any other country. Moreover, the very first championship was held in Birmingham and the

whole event is entirely a pro-duct of British initiative. . To be precise, it is a product of the initiative of that great Midlands chess enthusiast, Ritson Morry. The whole chess world owes him a debt of gratitude not only for the conception of the event but also for the remarkably modern way attack must break through by a further B-Q3 and QR-KR1. was in fact conducted on the Swiss system and in those days the very notion of using a Swiss system for a tournament was Final position. system for a tournament was regarded as something mysteriously evil by quite a number of otherwise knowledgeable chess-playing countries. The Russians for instance, who seem to have equated the system with Milton's grim "two-handed engine at the door" refused to send a representative to Bir-

send a representative to Birmingham. Here's one of Mark Diesen's games from the World Junior Championship tournament at: Groningen. White: Diesen. Black: Geor-

giev. Sicilian Defence. 1 P-K1 P-084 4 P-04 KI-BS 2 KI-KB5 P-05 6 KI-B3 5 B-KID Ch KI-U3

After this weakening move White's attack proceeds on oiled wheels; a better line of defence was 6 · · · P-KKt3. 7 8-K:5 B-K2 9 P-KR4 Kt-B4 B 0-0-0 0-0

Here a game in the 1974
Soviet Championship between
Kuzmin and Kupreichik went
9... QR4; 10 BxQKt, BxB;
11 BxKt, PxB; 12 P-KKt4,
B-B3; 13 Q-K3, QR-B1; 14
K-Kr1, KR-K1; 15 P-Kt5, with
advantage to White.

10 Brit PrB.

If 10 . . ExB; 11 P-K5! 11 P-KK14 P-OR3 13 Q-K3 K-R1 13 B-K2 Q-K1 14 P-K15 P1P

The opening up of the KR fi's leads to speedy disaster for a Black. He should have tried for 52 a counter-attack by 14 Kt-R5. AFRO.
15 P.P. R-KKII 17 P-KI P-Q4
16 R-R5 R-Ki2 18 Ki-R2
Alming for Kt4 and
eventually B6.

18 ... Ki-R5 21 K-Q2 P-Q5 19 Ki-Ki4 Ki5Kt ch 22 QxP resigna 20 PxKt B-R6 ch Black's position is hopeless; even after the exchange of Queens by 22 . . . Q-Q2; 23 Kr-B6, QxQ ch; 24 PxQ, White's

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# Memories of the grand life in the vast treasure chest of Mentmore

• An excerpt from an unpublished manuscript by the Marchioness of Crewe (b 1881, d 1967) describing the various ouses in which she had lived. Lady Crewe was the younger daughter of the 5th Earl of Rosebery, who was Prime Minister towards the end of Queen Victoria's reign.

When my mother married my father in 1878 both her parents were dead. As their only child she was thus, through inheritance, the owner of Mentmore at the time of her marriage. This house played a great part in the lives of both my parents but we, as children, never soent very long there. We looked on any sojourn in Buckineham-shire as a "visit"; Dalmeny was our home.

My mother's father was the youngest of the four sons of N. M. Rothschild, founder of the English branch of the Pothschild family. Until his father's death my grandfather bad worked as a partner in the family banking business. When, however, the management of the firm devolved on his eldest brother, Lionel, my grandfather began to give more and more time to collecting works of art —and race horses—and less and and less to banking.

In 1840 he began to buy land at Mentmore, and ten years later he engaged Sir Joseph Paxton as the architect of the house he proposed to build there for himself and his bride. The foundations were already laid when on New Year's Eve. 1851, my mother as a baby of five months old managed, it seems, to lay a commemorative wedged between the marble

house as it appeared to the eyes of a small child; a riot of beauty and richness was every-where; carving, embroidery, marquetry and bronzes dazzled and bewildered senses accustomed to the sobrieties of a Scottish nursety. On either side of the great central hall were high doors of glass in narrow walnut frames. Through one door could be seen the broard marble staircase of shallow steps leading up to a land-ing on which stood scarlet chairs of state on either side

of a pedestal surmounted by a

marble head.

Through the doors at the other end of this huge room more marble steps were visible; these led down to the South Entrance and so on to the ter-race. On the gilded tables in the - South Entrance were porphyry and alabaster vases and also, for a time, stands on which perched red and blue macaws and a white cockatoo. The discordant cries of these birds and the brilliance of their plumage added to the strange sense of the exotic.

My sister and I generally viewed the wonders of the great hall from above, our heads

these days that such a vast member one day standing in of building could have been put the centre of the hall, alone, cold up for a cost of little more than and consciously trying to con-£15,000—but so it was. But let sider its appearance. Under my us waste no time in considering feet lay an enormous Savonthe economics of building in nerie carpet, cut about in the Mid-Victorian days; let us time of the French Revolution plunge, rather, into the interior and later sewn together again in rather a hapharzard way. It is difficult to describe this High overhead were the three couse as it appeared to the eyes gilt lanterns which had once swung from the stern of the Bucentaur in which the Doge had been rowed out for the annual wedding of Venice to the sea. I remember wondering if they missed the bright foam of the Adriatic in their

> At the end of the hall stood a gigantic black marble fireplace, supported by two write marble rams. Although I had been told that it had been de-signed by Rubens, and indeed came to Mentmore from his house in Answerp, my eyes were more attracted by the silver life-size figure of the dwarf, Sir Geoffrey Hudson, which stood on its top. Many queershaped golden clocks stood on a table in one corner of the room; they, and an Arabic lamp shared with Sir Geoffrey their claims on my children atten-tion, and it was many years before I learned to look with appreciation at the greater works of art surrounding them.

present dusty splendour.

In the gallery-our usual vantage point—hung large Venerian mirrors, and under these were high-backed chairs covered in cream coloured satin

stone in the rising walls of the banisters of the gallery which loose covers of Spanish leather, must have dined in the great house. It seems incredible in surrounded it. But I can reand I remember the fascination dining room with the walls hung discovering the manycoloured fringes and silken knots I had only felt, and hardly guessed at through the enveloping leather. At night

a new and different beauty filled the hall. The great head could be removed and re-brocade curtains were drawn and their crimson silk was re-flected in the shimmering light thrown off from marble, bronze and clowing wood. The whole he always ready with the mixtor and glowing wood. The whole he always ready with the victor, room was illuminated by On a small plaque under a torches jutting out from each corner. I remember the "plop." Inscribed the names of those of each gas jet as it was lit by who dined with my father to a long wax taper, held out at celebrate the turn of the arm's length by a man craning century. over the gallery balustrade.

by my grandfather with its after he married I have heard varied beautiful contents, his that my mother was delighted many friends came to stay and that she exclaimed, "It Here they often encountered shows his good taste". The furniture included Necker's progressed in my grandfather's writing table, the cabinet of affections from trusted archiaffections from trusted architect to well-liked friend.

We never heard much about my grandfather in connexion with the house, except that when he returned from hopting he used to have a bath in the glass cases containing Limoges

with Genoese velvet and pictures by Van Loo. On the sidetables were old German figures. I particularly remember one—a horse whose rider had the head of Gustavus Adolphus. This

Into his sitting room my When Mentmore was first father moved some of the best built and had been furnished furniture in the house, shortly Augustus the Strong, and a low commode, the lock of which was supposed to have been made by

Louis Seize.

I was told that my grand-mother. Beroness Mayer de Rothschild, had generally sat in Limoges Room—a singular the Green Drawing Room, so place to choose. It was on the called because the walls were ground floor and was lined with lined with green silk, a perfect background for the Italian vicglass cases containing Limoges
enamels. It led out of the
Amber Room—so called because
its chief ornaments were
amber. It was exciting to go
there on bot days and see if
the chandelier, also of amber,
thad melted and was lying on
the floor.

So many personalities must

Dackground for the Italian bictures and the cabinet of ebony
and gold given to Marie de
Medici on her marriage, by the
City of Florence. But this room
the chandelier, also of amber,
the floor.

So many personalities must

times as the guilds or street

vendors played for our ancest-ors. A third of all British

women visit their high street

cathedral of toothpaste and

talcum powder every week. But

not one in 300 could tell you

why it is called Boots. They do sell wellies down there by the

hot water bottles, but it surely

cannot be because of that.

A hundred years ago this
February Jesse Boot, aged 27,
put up his own sign for the
first time in the window of a

poky little shop at 38 Goose Gate, Nottingham, advertising

drugs and proprietary articles at reduced prices. He was the

son of a farm labourer, who was

a Wesleyan preacher with a taleut for making herbal reme-

dies as well as saving souls. He died when Jesse was ten, and the boy left school soon

afterwards to help his mother

in her small herbalist business.

The boy tramped for miles barefoot during the day, gather-

studied in the local library in the evenings. In 1877 he took over the shop, and began to put his ideas into practice,

notably cut-price selling and

popular advertising at a time

when working people were be-

ginning to have more money

to spend. On February 24, 1877,

he took the largest advertise-ment in The Nottingham Daily

Express. It listed 128 items for

sale, ranging down the alphabet from "Allen's Hair Restorer,

3s 6d for 6s bottle" to "Wood-

house's Rheumatic Elixir"; and

including a number of home-

and windows had to be almost hermetically sealed. She could not stand the scent of flowers and knew at once if one had been brought into the room. Smoking was, of course, strictly forbidden.

Her talk was, I believe, extremely brilliant, though I fancy she shared with Diderot the attribute of every gift except that of dialogue. Anyway, after a brilliant seance, she would rise, clap a hat on her head (presumably against draughts) and lead the way to the dining room.

During the last war, my brother lent Mentmore to my husband and me and the Land Army. I remember wendering through the house and found the central Hall filled with historic ceilings from Greenwich and Marlborough House, and the floor of the Billiards Room covered with the recumbent figures of kings and queens Westminster Abbey, through which I threaded my way. I used to walk outdoors past the Maze, flanked by hure bushes of sweet-smelling syrings, till I came to the summit of a slope and there, gazing over the view of the orchards that lav below, was the romantic equestrian figure of Charles I by Lesseur, removed from London for safety

These war time visitors betokened changes — changes which will go on whether we like it or not. I can only echo Disraeli who once wrote: hope prosperity and happiness hover over the towers of Mentmore." I trust his wish will forever be fulfilled. was draughts. As the three more, it thus this wish with was heavily braided and. So many personalities must Drawing Room was really a forever be fulfilled.

fringed. Over the satin were have stayed at Mentimore and passage room, the three doors & Times Newspapers Ltd. 1977

positive view of the calling of

trade. When she learned that

some of her poorer girls came

ordered hot cocoa to start the

Whenever a girl got married, Florence gave her a Bible. She once addressed her assembled

women shop assistants as follows: "My earliest recollec-

tions are of toddling round the counters at my father's side, and

learning from him that all

labour was dignified; and that to be courteous and obliging

was a great asset in the business

day at Boots.



The Marchioness of Crewe, aged 4. A detail from the pa ermission Mary, Duchess of R Photograph Courtauld Institut

#### Sportsview

### Skating on very thin ice

There have been two notable ing. At the Silver Bladevents in sport so far this hockey skills and willing month: an admission, by people who should know, that the sports facilities for youth in britain are now the worst in Europe, and the decision by the Greater London Council to help the capital's ailing football clubs.

The depressing verdict on sports facilities surprised few of the youth service workers and sports officials meeting in the new £13m Wembley Conference Centre, but their admission that no remedy has yet been devised is dispiriting.

As for the GLC, one councillor, apparently a Fulham season ticket holder, argued that watching football must be recognized as part of the fabric of a working man's life; if the Royal Opera House deserved support, why not Craven Cottage or packing them in long t Stamford Bridge? In return, the John Curry, packing bein ratepayers—though this was not putting soccer in the rates, it was hastily pointed out—could be given use of various recreanonal faculties on the grounds.

Which brings us to ice hockey. If the anxious Wembley delegates and the suddenly sports-conscious councillors happen to be passing the Silver Blades ice rink, Streatham, at about midnight next Wednesday, they will find further evidence of the desperate over-use of sports facilities, and a strong hint of where money might be better channelled. The spectacle of 15-year-olds waiting to play ice hockey at 1 a.m. and later poses a question requiring an answer.

After sweating South London youth—or a sizable part of it -has been coaxed, threatened or swept off the ice and thrust out into the street, speed skaters, the sport's poorest cousins, will be granted au hour's training (they will have come from as far away as Har-low and Brighton) before low and Brighton) before Streatham Hawks hockey team takes the ice. the Conspicuous among

Hawks is Tony Goldstone, a 15-year-old pupil of Beaufoy Comprehensive School, Kennington. At Beaufoy he will be sitting O levels in May in Philip Howard art, design and technical draw

stay up until the early he find ice have won him Son Ice Hockey's Rookie of the

unrecognized youth leader

In come the speed men

John Rost and Tony F-ex-Wembley Lions and Bri Tigers, and now unpaid

Tony learnt to skate at & ham—the only rink in London (population as b Switzerland's)-which is much a matter of the su of the fittest. If there i said about Britain's rinks that nowhere else can youto be so fast on the bres aggressive in the ruck : mercial operators have operative word.

The last in the queue

"We come last in the here". John Rost said d a rest period while playin the more senior Streatham ekins against an all. American Oxford Univ side early one Sunday mor In the last two days our have travelled to Br Southampton and Grimsh find ice. Football clubs f pitch within five miles, but is it's 100 miles."

Rost said it was wors their younger teams, like Grasshoppers, aged 12 under, and the Scorpions, 15, because they had only hour a week on ice.

Contrary to popular in the collapse of the profess London Lions three year: did not deal a death blow hockey. Quite the reverse. all other sports on ice. has been an explosion interest, with more players ever before—and British pl at that. Council-run is centres which include ice have helped to inject new but London is still a black Unless someone puts ice of rates, there seems little hor youngsters like Tony Gold

Michael Coler

### George Hutchinson

### Putting a check on the 'outside left'

On the day of Mr Crosland's them, do not believe in the death a meeting took place in ballot box". London that might almost have been designed to pay tribute to the principles that informed and guided his own political outlook and unfailingly distinguished his long services to the Labour movement.

Led by a member of the Gov-eroment, Mr William Rodgers, and including other MPs, this was a meeting of social demo-crats determined, if they can, to overcome the far left influences now undermining their party-influences sadly at variance with the spirit of reason and tolerance that inspired Authory Crosland. Philosophi-cally, and in other respects, he was in the line and mould of his old friend Hugh Gaitskell, and his early death is similarly

Perhaps the most fitting memorial to both would be a uppermost as they were until recent years. The sentiments that moved Hugh Gaitskell and Anthony Crosland are still deeply embedded in the Labour movement. They have not been obliterated; but they need to be asserted afresh if Labour is to recover and retain its historic reputation as a party of liberty,

its enobling tradition. This is Mr Rodgers' purpose. In Mr Gaitskell's day he was prominent in the Campaign for Democratic Socialism. Let us hope that he and his friends us hope that he and his triends will now prove equally adept in protecting the sort of Labour Party which the present leader, Mr Callaghan, would wish to preserve. It is in the interests of everyone that they should succeed-everyone,

I mean, except the wreckers, Trotskvist or otherwise. William Rodgers is a former william Rodgers is a former secretary of the Fabian Society, to which the young James Callaghan (then known as Leonard) was attracted long years ago. It is the ideals of the Fabians and like-minded libertarians that are under secondary the secondary and the secondary that are under secondary to the secondary that are under the secondary to the secondary that are under the secondary that t systematic, disciplined and unrelenting attack from a totali-

As Mr Rodgers was saying:
"The undeniable fact is that the moderates, democratic socialists and lovalists have been on the defensive. The question is really this; is the party to be increasingly in-fluenced by those who care little for our values? The outside left, as I choose to call

tarian minority.

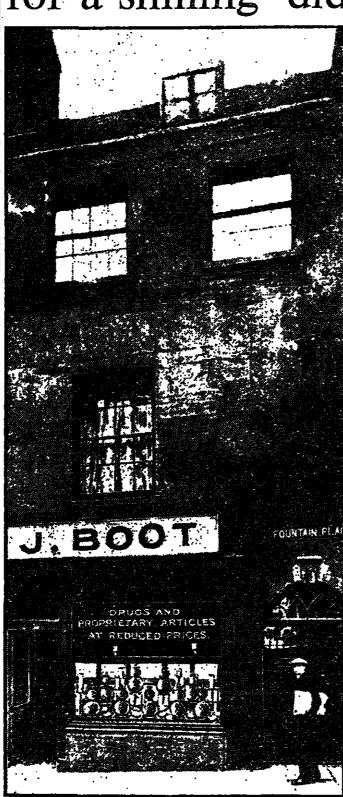
He was too mild, of course. Social democracy is being methodically subverted by political forces quite alien to the instincts and sympathies of the mass of "ordinary" Labour supporters-hence, in part, the defections in elections.

Mr Rodgers also had this to say: "Many people have the impression that the main opposition to our Government comes not from the Tories but from the Labour National Executive Committee. Its claim to be representative is bogus." Mr Callaghan would not quarrel with that assessment.

Even Mr Ronald Hayward, the party's general secretary (and himself a member of the NEC) who has seemed on occasion, something less than memorial to both would be a left to the dangers, is now lecturing one and all on the dards like theirs again became uppermost, as they were until recent years. The sentiments that moved Hugh Gaitskell and Anthony Crosland are still intolerance reveals itself monthly in the growing number of disputes and appeals with which the National Executive's organization committee has to deal. . . So let us stop this nit picking. Let us stop bleating in every public pulpit available that we are better socialists than our comrades."

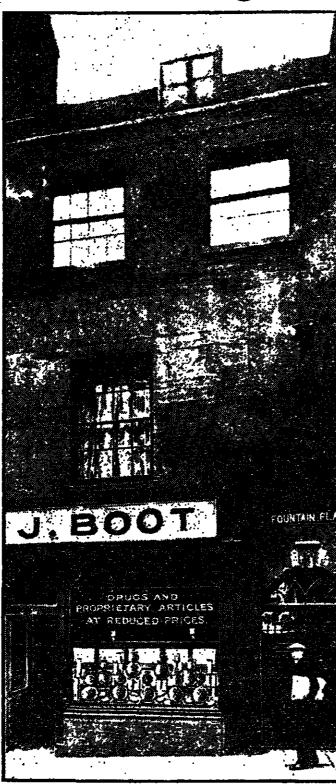
That is all very well-but can hardly be said to meet the challenge, which found stronger expression in a letter to the Prime Minister earlier this month from the officers of the Social Democratic Alliance, Mr Roger Fox, Dr Stephen Haseler, Mr Douglas Eden and Mr Ronald Halliday.

"We believe", so they wrote to Mr Callaghan, "that you no longer lead a Labour movement that is wholly democratic are and that elements within it are to the left of, and indeed more pro-Soviet than, some western communist parties. How this unhealthy state of affairs could have come about will be for historians to judge, but we are certain that it has something to do with years of negligent political leadership from with-in our own Labour Party. You have inherited a difficult situation. It might have been different if you had succeeded Hugh Gaitskell 14 years ago". A melancholy reflection— and probably true.



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### Jesse Boot

world, and that life in a shop could be and ought to be high calling."

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and "Boots Patent Lobelia Pills for asthma, indibeing crippled for many years gestion, and spasms".

These last useful objects were rolled by his sister, Jane, and later marketed under the irresistible slogan, "Health for a Shilling". This was an obvious counterblast to Beecham's Pills, which were that carry his name. Their sales the sales were the sales that the sal advertised as being "Worth a Guinea a Box".

The best thing that Jesse Boot ever did for himself and his firm was to marry Florence the baby, or curing belly-ache or hangover without Boots. But tioner and bookshop owner. She this week a hundred years ago was lively, gregarious, and it was all just a gleam in the fashion-conscious, and her enthusiasms led Jesse to diver-

sify into such lucrative new and a weekly turnover of £20.

# Question to the Arts Council: what chance the unknown novelist?

The novel is dead, long live the novel. Those who proclaim with monotonous regularity that the novel is dead have much less wisdom on their side than those who, announcing the death of the monarchy, in the same breath announce its continuation. Current economic circumstances, however, do indicate that a few novels at least need a helping hand over

the stile. For those who are unfamiliar with the workings of the Arts Council literature panel, let me briefly, and perhaps over-simply, say that it awards grants to writers to write (extremely laudable) and grants to publishers to protect them " difficult " against loss on books. The acquisition of such a grant by the publisher is on an ad hoc title-by-title basis...

Here let me express a credo with which readers of this newspaper might possibly sympathize. Essentially I do not believe, as a publisher and as a businessman (and the publisher who is not a businessman is no publisher) in something for nothing. As a private taxpayer and as a corporate taxpayer I feel entitled to ask for money from the Arts Council since its funds come from my private

those of many others. None the less, I have never

in my dealings with other bodies and individuals, accepted money towards the publication of any book without giving something in return. What I, and I suspect most other publishers, should give in return, is books.

The Arts Council's grants to publishers are based upon the philosophy that they should make it easier for publishers to publish difficult, experimental and essentially uncommercial works of merit. With this, I and most civilized publishers must obviously agree. It is also self-evident that at the moment it is precisely this kind of book. ie the book that is normally eligible for a grant, which suffers most from worsening economic conditions.

The educated middle-class find it harder and harder to find the money to buy hard, cover books of this kind.
Librarians, who must, i.i. the
nature of the democratic process, supply books for the
greatest good of the greatest number, are under very obvious pressure to stop buying poetry. first novels and experimental

A librarian who feels an obli- library sale " of any decent book of real quality by the unknown would be presented to those bility that such grants could gation towards the community which is not of obvious combined pays his salary must in
mercial interest and merit has the library sale is likely to be to have the book but can no British Council on similar lines. for, say, £3.50° a new novel by Alistair Maclean (who needs no subsidy) which will be borrowed

by at least 100 people before falls apart, or a new novel by Eva Figes or Paul Bailey or David Plante which is likely to have many fewer borrowers its lifetime. Support is needed for the work of these and other interesting but at present essentially uncommercial English novelists.

. For a good literary first or second novel, one could during the post war boom confidently print 3,000 copies; if it received good reviews one could expect to sell 1,500 to the library system and approxi-mately 1,200-1,300 to the public through sales in bookshops and give 2-300 copies away for review and publicity purposes and emerge, if not with a significant emerge, if not with a significant this kind, being reasonably profit, then at least without any certain that if they did so they substantial loss.

Today, because of the However, Eva Figes has a straitened circumstances created substantial critical reputation Today,

page novel instead of on a bottle of Scotch has dwindled to similar, if not lower, figures. Of the next novel by Eva

Figes we shall print 2,000 copies and because she is an estab-lished experimental writer (if that is not an oxymoron) we can confidently expect to sell some and perhaps an equal quantity to the public. The rest will go in review copies and sales to Eva Figes's fairly substantial number of admirers.

However, the price that we can charge bears no relevance the manufacturing cost. Public taste has not yet caught up with book production inflation and, for whatever reasons, annishers have been slow to would not be bought.

in the world of book-buying by and a reasonable public follow-inflation, the so-called "safe ing. Let us take the first novel and nature of the purchase

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lines as fancy goods, cosmetics, artist's materials, books, and

The economic price for Mr Smith's book is about £8 and that for Eva Figes between £5-£6, clearly intolerable figures 600 or so copies to the libraries that would create a classic vicious circle. If, on the other hand, one

were able to print, say, 3,000 copies, then probably the retail price could be contained at £3.90, but one could only do that if there were a form of guaranteed purchase different from that which we used to get, but can no longer expect, from the public library system. I suggest that the Arts

Council should undertake to purchase between 1,500-2,000 copies at the normal trade discount from the publisher. These copies, with an approlonger afford to buy it.

This way a grant is being made by the Arts Council to the publisher. And, since the publisher would pay a full royalty to the author, a grant is being made by the Arts Council to the author. In round figures, assuming a retail price of £4, a 10 per cent royalty and an order for 2,000 copies, the author automatically gets £800. At the same time, a generous donation is being made to the public library system

Given their freedom of choice, as limited by budgetary restriction, they would prob-ably have been able to take only 300 copies anyway to conserve their dwindling resources for more popular books.

Above all, the overall chari-

table concept which many people feel to be degrading is thus avoided since the Arts Council would be getting value for money. I imagine that this might appear politically desirable at the present time.

While I realize that it is not always possible for different government bodies to cooperate The British Council does, after all, have an obligation to maintain representative Englishlanguage libraries abroad and successful publishing ! it would not be too difficult for the Arts Council and the

their print orders to publishers. Since grants of this nature are only given for works of minority appeal, I think I can safely say that there would be few objections from the book trade, as these days the retail book trade is largely unwilling or unable to support this kind f book anyway. Above all, when the Arts

Council makes its annual report, The output of serious lier it can say that in addition to having given grants to indivi-dual writers (I do not for one moment want that system to be life would be adv affected) it will not simply have handed out money to individual publishers, but it will be able to list a select and, I trust, not undistinguished body of work which it has purchased with public money for the public

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capital. In Khartum cars and trucks sometimes have to wait overnight in the now familiar filling-station queues. Three times when I was there this month British Airways flights had to by-pass Sudan because there were no stocks of aviation

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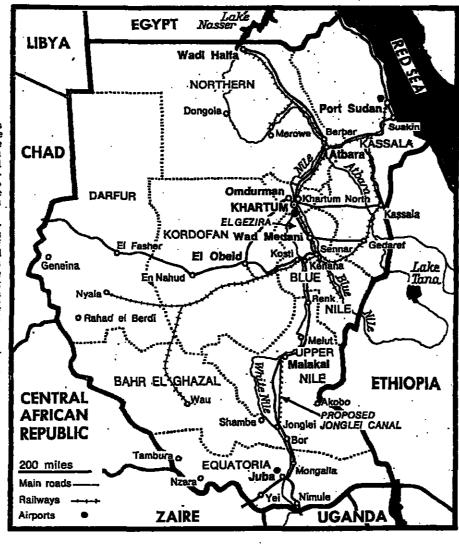
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President Nimeiry: head of a giant country and survivor of four attempted coups.

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The voluntary organisations-Sudan Council of Churches with its allied church groups in assisting in all social and

economic development of the region, the Norwegian Church relief (NCR) for rehabilitation and building of some schools, boring wells to give pure and clean water to people and livestock and a 400,000 Sudanese pounds printing press, the German Caritas for execting and equipping Source Yubu hospital and repairing and building schools and dispensaries. Christian aid for pioneering construction of ferro-concrete 15 ton capacity motor barges on the White Nile banks, the Accross, Catholic relief, accord and others, for their valuable contributions towards social and economic advancement of the country. Recently our President the "Father of Peace-Gaafar Moahmed Nimeri-awarded certificates to the first graduate of the Ox-Plough Training Centre . . . and we send you all our grateful thanks.

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The new Law Courts and the Government Offices will be ready for occupation, Sudan Airways plans to open new ancillary routes from Juba and tarmac roads will eventually link Juba, Nairobi and Kampala. River transport is to expand rapidly—a new generation of self-propelled barges will turn the White Nile into another Raine or a transport artery of this huge country, the biggest in Africa.

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### Huge untapped resources attract international attention

by Atef Sultan

soon struck by the immensity of the problems facing Sudan; indeed, when one ventures beyond the capital. the problems may seem overwhelming. Sudan is a vast country with remarkable cultural and economic differences and it is only recently that is has embarked on a serious attempt to develop its enormous natural re-

But Sudan is not yet equipped to cope with the complexities of modern and comprehensive development. political stability, the country's public services and administrative facilities are serve the present modest level of its economic activity. However, Sudan's huge unapped resources have attracted considerable attention in the international business community. Businessmen and financiers have been flocking to Khartum competing to supply the funds and the technology to keep up the development

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far from adequate even to programme, including a proposal for cultivation of sova beans and maize and other planned projects easier.

> \$240m scheme to irrigate 820,000 acres

To meet immediate needs, Sudan, with help of Arab Sudan's money and western tech-has not nology, is carrying out a been seriously affected number of large agricultural the development of textiles either because it is the only projects of which the Rahad Ten textile plants are being country listed by the International Monetary Fund the biggest. The project United Kingdom, Belgium (IMF) as having negative being carried out by the and China.

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Sudan is also developing its industry to achieve selfsufficiency in principal consumer goods. Besides the rapid growth in the sugar industry, other industrial efforts are concentrated on the development of textiles

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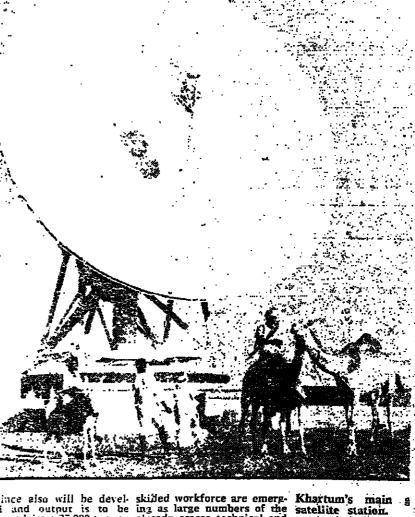




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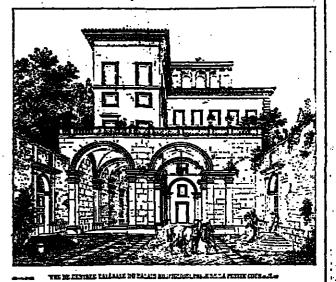
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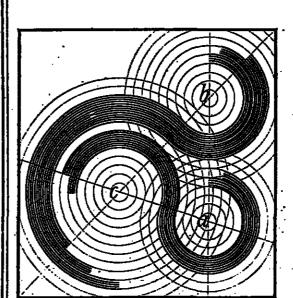
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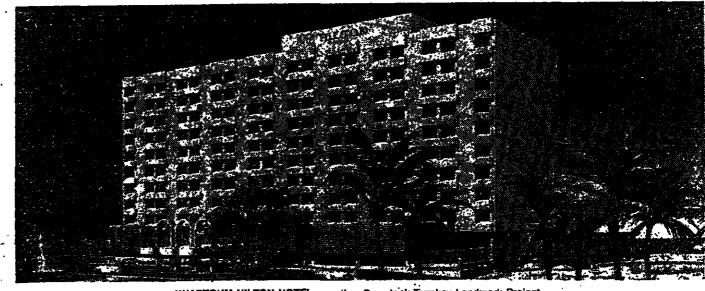
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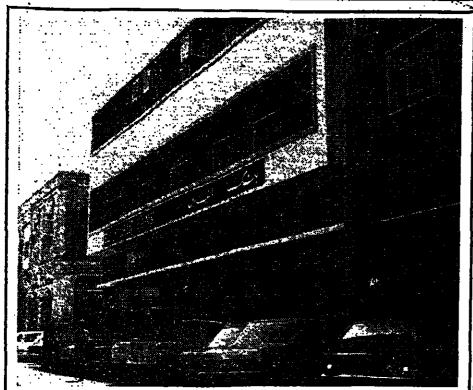
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### Storage and transport are port's weaknesses

### by Andrew Lycett

Port Sudan is something of an historical phenomenon. It was built by the British colonial authorities in 1909 when the old slaving port of Suakin was falling into disuse. But, together with the single-track railway which nked it to Khartum, Port Sudan had little function but to service the needs of the expatriate community in the

Now the Sudanese Governent proposes to revive the port of Suakin, giving it modern facilities such as a roll-off terminal, which Port Sudan never had. With this project in the offing, money for Port Sudan's own essential has been scarce. essential development

Yet, while Sudan's new national plan is put into operation, requiring an increase in both exports of commodities and imports of capital goods for develop-ment projects, Port Sudan remains the country's only

Ninety-seven per cent of Sudan's exports and 95 per cent of its imports (a total of three million tons) pass through the docks at Port

Port facilities have been added to over the years to cater for already burgeoning traffic but they have reached the limit of their capacity. Three-year-old goods are spilling our in a shapeless mess over the perimeter of the port.

harbour, each 465ft long. Cargo is lifted from ships by 20 five-ton cranes which line the dockside, working Cargo is lifted from ships machinery away down the in this situation to make in tandem when required to handle particularly heavy mandle particularly mandle parti

harbour there are four important berths which are normally reserved for special traffic. Two of these serve there is little transport to sat the oil terminal for the convey them to their destinations and its inability to plan comprehensively as a plan

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In many ways this is not Sugar Company, for examthe fault of the port authorology, has established its own carried each year on the bedouble tracked, starting of the capacity of Sudan rity. The actual berthing railway sidings and brought system works reasonably in seven fork-lift trucks and professional professional

If Kenana can then get its

on the crucial Port Sudan tion loan has been used to the line.

Petroleum and mineral reto Khartum route. Although improve facilities, particular when it is finally open, sources such as gypsum have The author is it has 4,800km in its system, larly on the Port Sudan and there is no doubt it will been discovered there and Sudannow.

S10m loan from Hungary is likely to concentrate on nas speeded the purchase of general cargo and petroleum new cement, fertilize factories

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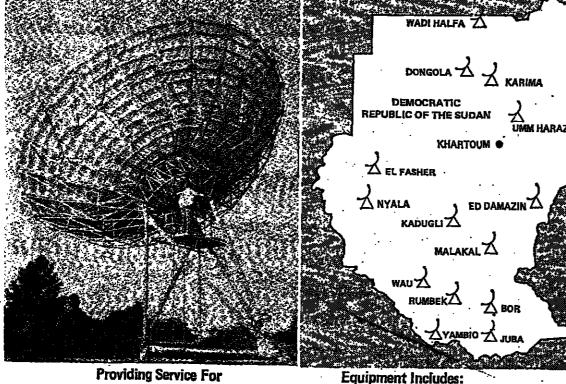
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panies are unwilling to invest At without it bearing any risk.

Nile and the British firm, tion of zinc, copper and sil-Hunting Geology and Geo. ver deposits on the Red Sea physics, in its surveys of oil bed. pnysics, in its surveys of oil for Chevron and copper for UNDP (United Nations Devenouraged the ambitions of the Geological and Mineral Resources Department (GMRD) of the Ministry of Industry and Mining in Khartum. The department of the Surveys of the Ministry and Mining in the Freuskag's contract was hastily revoked, for reasons that

The plan sets out programmes for the development and exploitation of seven principal minerals which are believed to be mineralogical promise is the present in sufficiently viable quantities. These are iron ore, gold, copper, asbestos, chromium, gypsum and mica, Ten locations are indicated as having interesting mining discovered. The Canadian possibilities. But the accent firm, Johns Manville, has of the plan is to emphasize significant progress can be made in lifting the minerals.

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In the same Red Sea pro-Corpo ince some 300oz of gold are count till mined each year at year.

working near Serakon, Nahus times. They may even have following a two-year survey Hole) in southern Darfur, been the site of King Solo- by the GMRD and prelim- bordering the Central Afrimon's Mines. The difficulty inary metallurgical studies can Republic, where copper for all Sudanese rulers since by the British firm, Roberthas been mined for a long that time has been to retain son Research International, time. Recent surveys consome of the wealth of those in 1976. This mine is expectionally ducted by Huntings have mines for their own people. The ted to yield some 5 kilograms quantified the extent of the President Nimeir's task is of gold each month over the mineral to be 9,300,000 tons.

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Sudan's gold deposits in Red Gebeit. Further production. The third leading mineral exploring concessions covery year. Alteady, along Sea province have attracted of gold is expected from the bearing area is at Hofrat en ing 22,860 sq miles off-shore other concession. Copper in the Red Sea and 200,000 (meaning

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and satellite mapping survey Chevron, which holds all of the on-shore exploration per-

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Khartum before taking off

to the game areas, the Red Sea coast, or the archaeolo-

gical sites of the north.

A visitor's guide by Peter Hopkirk to some of the country's attractions, and travelling the hard way in rural areas described by Peter Clark

### Unexploited wildlife is big tourist asset

Eprobably not every. first choice when it a raking a holiday. In my people would be to say precisely lies—beyond knowr is somewhere

ike most other Third countries, Sudan is stock of its tourist and making plans to an into foreign cur-

what has this vast e minth largest coun-the world—to offer on beyond guaran-shine, and perhaps so much of that at or comfort?

s chief attraction is dly its wildlife, per-least exploited and emsung in Africa. he full range of mimal and bird life seen in its most

has, for a start, money parks where shooting allowed is meras. The most and accessible is in the south-east the Blue Nile pro-

its 2,400 square e visitor can see ard, giraffe, buffalo, water-buck, greater hartebeest, hyena, ns of other species. is a camp which immodate about 60 in thatched huts. ly it will be exand improved people, with a fur-at a caravan and A small airo he built there.

also has 14 game where those with can shoot, for it is he richest big game erves are mostly to tion.
d in the south, a throughout the 17

ing recently began arrival of Arab oil f them fly to Kharen charter small from the local Air n to the game areas

have swum there say travel can be very rough it is one of the best going and exhausting. diving areas in the world, with water of exceptional

90-bed tourist village has been built at Arousa,

Most regions of the countey hunt down the try can be reached either by

marine gardens have so far miles of the country's road is where anyone arriving by been little exploited. Those network is tarred, so road air first puts down.

Nobody would pretend that landscape. north of Port Sudan, where Khartum, despite its romanthe visitor can indulge in sea tic and bloodstained history,
fishing, underwater photois of much interest to the
graphy, skin diving, water tourist. In neighbouring
skiing or just old-fashioned Omdurman, where the young
bathing. Near by is the Winston Churchill took part
"ghost" port of Suakin, in a cavalry charge under Kitonce a jewel of Islamic archichener, there is an interest and White Niles. For it is
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battle, while in Khartum the rivers meet for their long

pecies of game. Sudan Airways or by train. However, Khartum is the the other river. of Sudan's attract and journeys to more remote starting point for all expediits Red Sea coast parts made from there by tions into more rugged parts. When I visited Khartum is coral reefs and road. Only a few hundred of this vast country, for this earlier this month I stayed

The biggest event so far in the history of Sudanese The best time to visit tourism will be the opening, countries anywhere. clarity and free from pollu- Sudan is between December in four days' time, of the erves are mostly to toon.

and April. The summer can new Hilton Hotel, an oasis of in the south, a A 90-bed tourist village be oppressively hot. an otherwise uncomfortable

> visitor is shown the spot journey northwards to Egypt where Gordon died. and the Mediterranean. All and the Mediterranean All city 295 rooms overlook one or tual

in the year-old Meridien Hotel, but was driven out of it by rats. I personally saw three two in the corridor

outside my room and another scurrying over a roof at the back. I also heard them in the air-conditioning at night. Other guests reported similar sightings. The management assured me that the matter was being dealt with.

> From there I moved into small but spotless, Swissmanaged pension called Arak House, which I can strongly recommend. A far larger of the country's widely-version—the Arak Hotel—is spread tourist assets. Howversion—the Arak Hotel—is open shortly, and will be a welcome addition in a where there is a perpe-

. Most tourists, however,

A train journey in Suden is under his direction, the more a leisurely and excling experience. It takes up to the oil of the wheel. Hotels and resthouses from Alexandria to Jula. Hotels and resthouses from Alexandria to Jula. The less adventurous could take their bicycles by air to the air fare. Such a journey is an enforced rest. The gaine is uarrow and the train rarely exceeds 30 mph.

Several hundred passengers tavel on the roof. They include families, children, old men and women. Involved men and women. Involved mights the odd passenger falls off. The cry "waqa" in the fallen from on top) passes from allege is user or the days and nights the odd passenger falls off. The cry "waqa" include families, children, old men and women. Involved mights the odd passenger falls off. The cry "waqa" in the courage to carriage until it reaches the driver. Travelling on the roof is not officially encouraged, but the humanity of the Sudanese is ably sleeps under the stars. reaches the driver. Travel I never saw. I mentioned my is filling and tastv. Mear is ling on the roof is not offi- fears to a friend from is filling and tastv. Mear is cially encouraged, but the western Sudan, who invari- cheap, and a plateful with humanity of the Sudanese is ably sleeps under the stars. extras can cost less than 500. such that at the next station I asked him how to guard. The small towns often

few hundred miles of tarred Away from the lorry articles fashioned from road in the country, and in routes there are other means broken-down cars such as the north most places are of transport that are readily accessible only by desert available, cheap and track. The lorries are loaded thoroughly enjoyable. In with freight and take most villages in northern

The country's communicacouple of days reclining on no bustle, no strain.
a cargo of ostrich feathers Donkeys are not common tions are extremely poor and that, with the shortage of first-class hotels or similar accommodation, acts as a brake on the development ver, among improvements

planned are two new airplanned are two new air includental expenses. Indeed, to dispense justice of mediports—at Wan and Port
Sudan—and expansion of the
existing airports at Juba and
Malakal.

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Includental expenses. Indeed, to dispense justice of mediproudly conscious of his ressupport.
One old friend who used The author has lived in
40 passengers and £51,000 of to work in Uganda 30 years
freight, or more. He usually ago tells me he used to has travelled extensively
has two boys to perform, bicycle up to Torit, taking throughout the country.

### Roughing it with the aristocrats

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are not within reach of a total response to the donkey is a sturdy cut to know how to make once a week. The passengers animal in sand. He can carry some return. However, in can travel either in the cab your luggage and his pare the remoter places there are with the driver—there may is tranquil. The view of the frequent shortages of fruit, be four who squeeze together world from the back of a cigarettes or medicine. A Joe four who squeeze together world from the back of a clearettes or medicine. A —or on top. To travel in the donkey is distinctive. Every nacket of good clearettes cenfront you pay the driver a tree, every hedge, every be greatly appreciated. A fixed price which is roughly house, can acquire a deep pain-killing oill may give fS1 for 50 miles, though this significance. You can conrelief to a sick person. A rate may vary in different template these things and few oranges may introduce parts of the country. The appreciate their individus sweetness into an otherwise rate for travel on the back is ality. Every person met on usually half as much and the track is a friend with the traveller will find accommodation varies ac-whom you have a brief concountesy and kindness cording to the freight. A versation. There is no rush wherever he goes. There usually half as much and the track is a friend with. The traveller wi accommodation varies ac whom you have a brief con-courtesy and a cording to the freight. A versation. There is no rush, wherever he goes.

(rare these days) is quite a in the south but the more different thing from reclining on steel girders.

Those who travel in front around the region. In the old are treated as the guests of days British district commis-the driver. He pays for any sioners used to cycle about incidental expenses. Indeed, to dispense justice or medi-

The small towns often have markets with produce such that at the next station I asked him how to guard where there is a section of against snakes at night double track, the engine uncouples and goes back to abour is the python. To collect the fallen passenger, avoid being swallowed When they travel go by with your arms and legs wide when they travel go by with your arms and legs wide lord. There are still only a apart, starfish fashion."

Away from the lorry strices or donkey harness, few hundred miles of tarred.

Away from the lorry strices with produce brought from the capital or from local willages. Careful searches will uncover many attractive things of interest electher-work for camel, horse or donkey harness, few hundred miles of tarred.

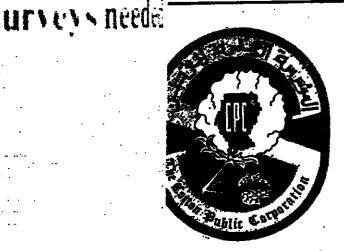
swords or throwing knives, or from petrol tins, such as In oil lamps or blood cuppers.

iern The most overwhelm with freight and take most vinages in normer passengers. Many lorries are Sudan there is usually a driven by their owners, but supply of donkeys. These some merchants may own a can either be hired for a fleet of them.

There are few places that for nothing.

The most overwise impression that the traveller will get will be the needle. One is often associated at the generosity and thoughter the series of complete strangers. It is sometimes difficulties of the generosity and thoughter the series of complete strangers. It is sometimes difficulties to know how to make

> may be some suspicion in remoter places but this will he allayed if he has the necessary documentation which can easily be obtained in the capital. But his best



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Anthony Sylvester examines the welfare state's role in the economy, and Peter Clark reports on plans for higher education

### Social justice marches with economic development

Union has pinned to its able teachers and equipment mast the slogan of economic rather than any deliberate development as well as that preference for aris and of social justice there is evi- humanities, and this is ex-dently no desire in Khartum pected to change as more reto allow notions of social sources become available. dogma of egalitarianism. At a time when Sudan has been schooling, catering in 1976 opened wide to private for a total of 1,726,049 childenterprise, both foreign and rcn and young people against domestic, the Government 1,048,704 in 1971, are under will want to watch the social review with the idea of mak-

scene carefully, prevent and ing education more meaning-stamp out abuses and re ful. An interesting point, dress justified grievances, now much debated in Sudan, for the sake of social peace has been made in a recent and political sfability, if for International Labour Organino other reason.

sible to economic develop futile, for the next stage. ment, and some of the pro-visions of the welfare state, The contention is that however worthy in them many Sudanese have re-selves, will necessarily re-garded their years of formal

needs of the nation and its citizens has been underin most other African counof technical and science to 70 over the next six based education at the Uni- years, emphasis is on funcversity of Khartum goes tional literacy.
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the Gordon Memorial intensified efforts to prevent
College opened by Lord Kitchener in 1902.

The matter of health
intensified efforts to prevent
or fight disease are highly
relevant to economic Seven students out of 10 at

The two new universities to dence of such scourges as be opened late in the year malaria which is endemic at Gezira and Juba will also throughout Sudan and affects favour science-based studies. perhaps 20 to 25 per cent of But this situation does not apply to the Islamic University at Omdurman and to the Kharrum branch of the Cairo This means that out of

universities and other insti-tutions of higher learning in Sudan in 1976 less than half atrended courses directly relevant to economic deve-

While the Sudanese Socialist result of the shortage of suit

zation mission report to the Yet the dominant inten-effect that every stage in tion is now to make any sertion is now to make any sertion is now to make any sertion is now to make any serto provide useful
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main low in the Govern-schooling as a waste of time ment's list of priorities because they were unable or That schooling should be unwilling to continue their meaningful in the practical work at school to reach a needs of the nation and its higher level of education. In adult education campaigns tood better in Sudan than too, aimed at increasing the years, emphasis is on func-tional literacy.

this university read science bers of working days are lost and professional subjects, in Sudan because of the inci-

Water-borne diseases, including bilharzia, seem to have spread with new irrigaschemes. But many diseases have been brought 24,530 students enrolled at under control. The number of new cases of tuberculosis reporting to hospitals fell by was about 400,000, and 1974.

Emphasis is laid on



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It vitiates arguments that

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tional subjects. The numbe of its graduates thus offsets the professional-academic

proportion aimed at by the University of Khartum and

desired by national needs.

Sudan is alive to the prob-lem, and a joint Egyptian-

Sudanese committee has re-

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with economic development, hand and Kordofan and only one is a girl and the second in the second in

areas are also likely to have better human resources and them more attractive targets for potential investors. A strong dose of government direction is clearly called for to establish a desirable

exceptional degree of social other hand, the Government Present performance and single year. At the same are being revised by modern uture plans face a number time the deep-rooted system and more enlightened interof extended family helps to not unusual for a man of higher salaries, have moved reasonable income to spend to the oil-rich states. The half migration is temporary but has been sharply felt in the concept of social classes as familiar in Europe is alien not be ignored in any plans, to Sudan.

How rapidly the tradithere are enough graduates tional Sudanese society will change with the economic development and progress on NCHE's lack of control over which the country has now studies organized from abroad The University of embarked is uncertain. The authorities, for their part, Cairo has a branch in Khar want the inevitable transforrum, which provides a second mation to proceed at a meachance to many who were unable to get a university education on leaving school. sured and controlled pace. However, most of the studies

struggle the women themselves are ready to put up for their rights, for which they have now an excellent women are active. In village councils, for instance, a quarter of the seats must be

reserved for women. On the Clamour for

change will grow Clamour for social changes

and improvements is bound to grow as education spreads. A modicum of welfare state has already been created by the present regime, including minimum wage, state pen medical services and and housing subsidies. But many social evils, such as juvenile delinquency and The improving status of prostitution, have increased

The pace of emancipation ministry's six-year plan had will largely depend on the to be raised to £S10m. In itself this is little. But much opportunity in the Sudanese Sudanese voluntary bodies Socialist Union, where many in the plan period are ex-ES10m. It is hoped the something like £S150m wi

> cial cooperation between the Government, Sudanese volunassistance is a new children home for 200 underprivileged city. To the 17 multi-purpose social cantres for children and adults in Sudan and her 33 will be added by 1983.

The Ministry of Social Affairs is headed by Dr Abdul Mahmoud, noted for her charm no less than for her perseverance. She is the winner this year of a Food and Agriculture Organization award for her contribution to social and rural development.

### technical degrees The year 1976 saw several Development, but courses racts have already been made mobility both vertical and plainly has no intention of

control and new institutions University of the Gezira will were founded.

The Sudan Government antion was a development pri- resumed in 1976. The six-year plan (1977-83) has allocated Technical Colleges (KITC), a £5100m to education gen- union of formerly indepenerally, of which £S35m is to

University of the Geziratook shape. The parent in ing the p stitution, the University of year plan. Khartum, made several ternal reforms.

Proposals were announced West and the East which reflect the Government's aim of administrative decentrali-

Higher Education (NCHE), set up in its present form in November 1975, defines the country's objectives. This body, chaired by the Minis-ter of Education, receives reports from the various insti-tutions, and lays down the policies within which each institution is obliged to

operate. The Higher Education Grants Committee (HEGC) is the executive arm of NCHE. It allocates funds to each institution, controls the distribution of scholarships and overseas assistance, and is also responsible for de-tailed planning.

The two new universities

are seen not as copies of the University of Khartum, not as places of academic elitism, but as centres that will serve the whole community.

The University of Juba aims to emphasize training and skills relevant to rural development. It will concentrate on the conservation of natural resources, and plans work for adult education. The European Develop-ment Fund (EDF) has shown

interest in the University of Juba. The Inter University Council for Higher Educa-tion Overseas, which has had a long-history of involvement with Sudan, has arranged a visit of academics from Europe this month, on behalf of the EDF, to assess Juba's staff needs.

The EDF visit was con-

ceived in December, 1976, and the speed with which it has taken place is an indication of the sense of urgency shared by all the parties in-volved. Such urgency is absolutely necessary if the university is to recruit staff for its first 100 students, who are due to arrive in Septem-

University of the Gezira will be concerned Port Sudan will be concerned with natural resources and agricultural extension. There will also be a Faculty of in arid 20ne studies and will the British Council in St.

the year 1976 saw several Development, but courses racts have already been made mobility both vertical and plainly has no intention of changes in higher education will be inter-disciplinary, with the United Nations horizontal. It has been esti-offending traditional sentition of November 1975 had enrol in 1978.

hoped, will be associated million people change their Islamic laws and customs, reorganized the system of There are hopes that the with the Darfur Institute.

places of livelihood in a although many stipulations.

play a prominent part in the future plans face a number United States aid pro- of obstacles The most pronounced that higher educa- gramme to Sudan, which was ing is the brain drain. Many academics, The Khartum Institute of

Plans for the two universities founded in 1975—the sent it has just over a character of Tube 1975—the sent it has just over a character of Tube 1975—the sent it has just over a character of Tube 1975—the sent it has just over a character of Tube 1975—the sent it has just over a character of Tube 1975—the sent it has just over a character of Tube 1975—the sent it has just over a character of Tube 1975—the sent it has just over a character of tube 1975—the sent i drain may be regretted but it is a fact of life that cansand students but the plan is to triple this number during the period of the six-

In the recent past KITC and its predecessors have lacked clearly defined objecfor further institutes in the tives and, in the past year, have not enjoyed the attention of aid donors as much as the other institutions There has been a steady aid zation.

The National Council for contribution, however, from Distant Education (NCHE). Britain and from bilateral

grave shortage of technical skill, and KITC is seen as the institution that must expand at a fast rate. The University of Khartum now has 7,000 students. In recent years 70 per cent of its stu-dents have been registered for scientific or professional

Postgraduate studies to be expanded

seen a steady expansion undergraduare Henceforth the emphasis is to be on the extension of postgraduate studies with a particular acceut on develop-

The University of Khartum was quite independent of direct government control of the Sudan Government's until the 1975 legislation. It commitment to higher eduwas also affected by repeated closures, the consequence of lively student population.

Some university opinion feared that the new legislation would stifle academic independence. However, last year saw several vigorous academic changes made from within. Schools of agricultural engineering and mathematics have formed from a number of

departments that had hitherduplicated efforts. A larger number of postgradudegrees available than ever before. It was the first year for a long time during which there were no closures.

Proposals have been laid for two further institutes of higher education. One at

cently been formed with the aim of coordinating the University of Cairo, Khartum branch, with national higher education plans.

The poor performance of KITC and its predecessors has been attributed to the lack of prestige of mech-anical and technical subjects.

This lack of prestige may The past 10 years have well be directly related to absence of incentives. The career prospects and re-wards of a university graduate have always been high. It will be necessary to face

and resolve this problem in order to attract the best young brains into technology. In spite of the genuineness cation, and its generosity in the financial allocation of the six-year plan, it is clear that foreign assistance will be needed. Individual countries have been generous and faithful in their interest. Group donors such as the gest single foreign contribution in the next decade.

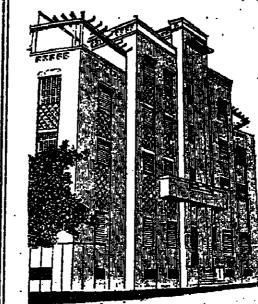
Sudan's economic importance rests in its great poten tial as an agricultural export ing country. The production of people qualified to manage and expand its economic development requires education

Sudan's hope is that the interests of wealthier coun tries which have benefited from the export of skilled Sudanese manpower, wil assist in the development of

There The other is to specialize Mr Clark has worked for a speciality of in arid zone studies and will the British Council in Sudan Rural be in northern Darfur. Confor the past six years.



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Isobel Clark writes about today's culture, and John Gowlett examines the heritage from which it springs

### Song and dance are at the core

Sudan to describe the 1920s in an essar published by Kharrum University is the key to the six Press, Conflict and Identify today, are searching expression of the fire coming to term, the of Sudan and its uraing away from an intermediate prover the country of today without the western African (King) of the Southern Sudan has a drabian lute. Poetry and the form most in this case of this gave way from the fire and are increased by the instinantly with the song in the Radian. As a result it in Sudan, As a result it in Sudan, As a result it in Sudan is the song of Sudan and its uraing away from an Arrivas, and their coming to term, the poetry of today witholizing a harmony between African (King) of the Southern (King) of the Southern Sudan has been the poetry of today witholizing in stallation of the Radian (King) of the Southern (King) of the Southern Sudan has been the poetry of today witholizing in stallation of the Radian (King) of the Southern (King) of the Southern Sudan is the song are inseparable, but are a richest in song is the spirit of a tribul ances of the gave way from sent-century on the result of the spirit of a tribul ances of the gave way from sent-century on the result of the spirit of a tribul ances of the gave way from sent-century on the result of the spirit of a tribul ances of the spirit of a tribul an

State phases were songs, based on everyday life tempered by the and events. The style reach, and all in their of popular western divisions ways are a source of popular, traditional and ration to artists classical.

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# high standard

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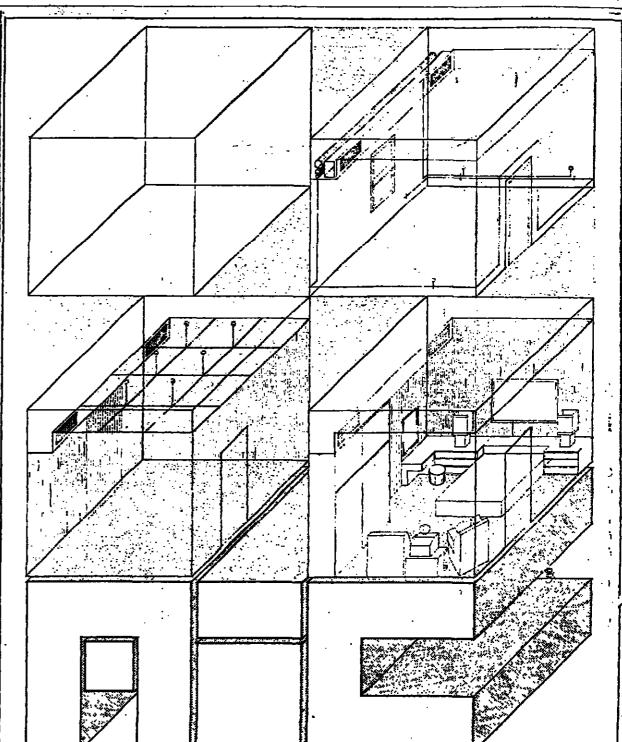
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ing high prices.
The arts are flourishing and thanks to the ending in 1972 of the 17-year northis making an increasing con-tribution. A number of writers are emerging, such as Lino Roll Deng, whose story The Lame Tree, published through the Ministry of Information, is based on a southern village and shows great promise. Poetry is also being written in the south in both English and in

local languages.

The main problem today is the lack of channels of communication between artist and public, with the lack of an established centre for selling work. At pre-sent paintings and objets d'art can be bought only from exhibitions, though one or two shops are beginning to stock things. The recently completed Friendship Hall for the first time provides permanent exhibition halls and a modern theatre, but writers in particular need more opportunities for pub-lishing their work locally.



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### **Excavations at Khartum** prove revealing

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> Restoration of royal pyramids

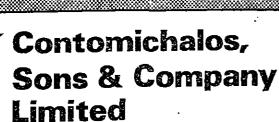
At Meroe, 200km north of

Khartum, where recent ex-cavations by Pofessor P. L. Shinnic have provided more detailed information about the town and its iron working, a much improved rest house means that visitors can spend the night on the road, with time also to see the neighbouring sites of Musawwarat es-Sofra and Nago, all in a two-day trip. Professor Hinkel, having completed restorations at Musawwarat, is now aiding the Antiquities Service in the restoration of the royal pyramids of Meroe, and bas plans to begin work on the ceserted Red Sea port of

Sawakin. For years, thanks to the civil war, archaeology in southern Sudan was neglected, but it is possible that licences for surveys may be granted soon.

Sudan has not yet pro-vided the evidence of human evolution that has been found in some neighbouring countries. Geological circumstances in various parts of the country do, however, suggest the possibility of an archaeological record that can be counted in millions rather than in thousands of years, and prehistoric sites that could be excayated. were the resources available. abound almost everywhere.

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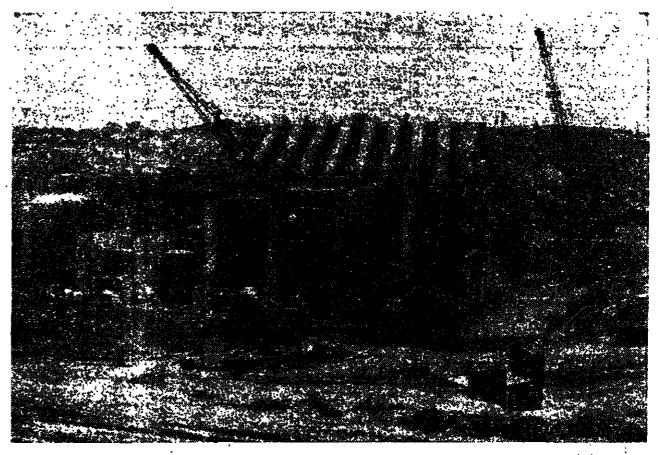
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On the anniversary of the March 1975 and February to look back over the past South. five years with feelings of

having brought the 17-year Addis Ababa. war to an end and laid the basis for an economic and social development that should eventually help to fulcommunity, northern or fil the expectations which southern respectively, unit

The pact gives the African the other group. The inte-demned in the South and largely non-Muslim gration has been accom-there seems little doubt that people in the South self-panied by intensive training the assault against President government and at the same time preserves the unity of Sudan. By 1973, one year in order to bring them up to after peace, a total of the standards usual in the to fewer than 1,190,230 Sudanese Army. How well contains people were able this scheme will work in o return to their homes rom exile or hiding in the roads and bridges that had port may indicate that discipled been almost totally destroyed pline in the Southern Com-in the turmoil were repaired mand leaves room for imin the turmoil were repaired mand leaves room for in-and life returned to normal provement without neces-and life returned to normal provement without neces-sarily casting doubts on the believe the Sudan Govern-integration project as a ment's claim that any trouble whole. that has erupted is because

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ditions remain extremely

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Addis Ababa accord and 1976, false rumour appears regional autonomy for the to have fed on anxieties South next month the Suda about the proposed integra-nese will have every reason tion of armed forces in the The integration has now

pride and achievement. This been completed and is recan be said in spite of the garded by the Government incident at Juba airport on as one of the greatest February 2 when a small unit achievements of the past five achievements of the past five achievements of the past five achievements. of anti-aircraft defence is re years. By the new arrangeported to have mutimed ment a force of 6,000 former There has been similar Anya Nya fighters is trouble in the past, and, as matched by an equal in this case, it was promptly strength of northern troops, quelled.

Events of this kind may of Major-General Joseph the prevailing scene of Lagu, former leader of the peace and harmony but they southern rebellion who must be measured against signed the peace pact with the enormous success of the Khartum Government in

the 1972 Addis Ababa pact commands incorporate small and bloodstained had aroused. panied by intensive training the assault against President courses given in Sudan and Nimeiri, if carried to the £830m annually over and abroad to southern officers region, would have been above the budget subsidy in order to bring them up to violently resisted, leading and the money to be spent the standards usual in the very likely to a resumption in the region by ministries Sudanese Army. How well of the standards usual or the standards usual in the very likely to a resumption in the region by ministries. practice, of course, remains to be seen. The latest case of mutiny at Juba air-

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Elections for the regional Assembly in December 1973

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aged to get elected who might have opposed the

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A leading member of the generally of some southern troops, in At all events, the abortive Executive Council spoke to morale.

state of "anxiety" in the region, but resolutely reregion, but resolutely re-jected any suggestion that the southerners continued to harbour any legitimate grievances against the North. The malaise appears to be because of the failure of so many understandable expectations to be met. For instance, only 18 per cent of the children of schoolgoing age are able to attend classes. Another irritation is caused by the acute short-age of petrol which brings entire motor transport in the region to a standstill for periods of between one week and 10 days every

Some southerners may feel that the North is not doing enough to help. Yet out of the regional budget of £S17m in 1976-77 only £S1.5m came from the South, the rest being subsidy from Khartum. In the national six-year development plan scheduled to start next June the South will receive above the budget subsidy and the money to be spent in the region by ministries and agencies operating from

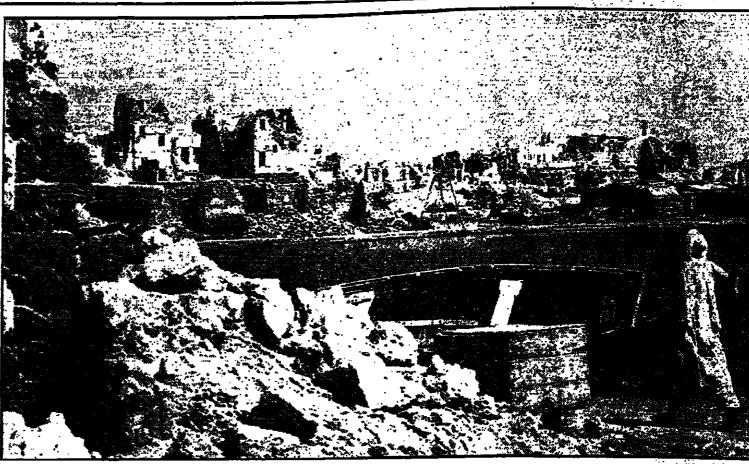
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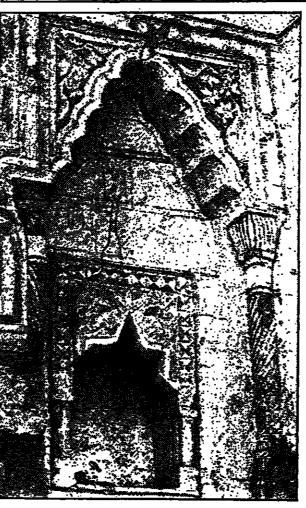
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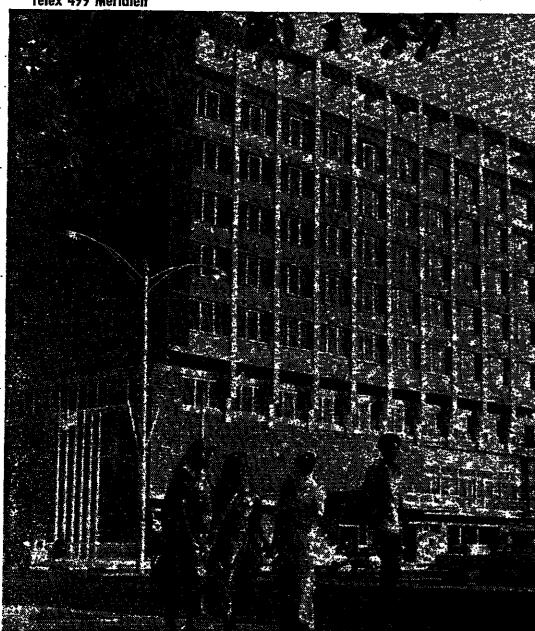
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Sir, In the light of your admirable

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The same newspapers which come easily to the defence of rights for Czech and Russian dissidents report blandly how freedoms are eroded in

this country: in the past few weeks a young woman was fined £2,500

for showing a film in a private club in London which has been playing in public cinemas in New York and

in the Champs Elysées in Paris for many years; the extraordinary last

film of the late, great Pasolini has

been totally suppressed in England; last week, collaborative art work by Richard Hamilton and Dieter Roth

has been emasculated at the ICA.

for fear of cheap press attacks on

how a few quid of public money is spent; on the very day your editorial appeared. Mr Rees, acting on our behalf, stopped the entry of

film maker who planued to make film about the sex life of Christ.

he was worried that there would be demonstrations disturbing the peace. (From whom?)

Apparently it has not always been

so. The British Museum and even the collections of her Majesty the

Oueen include thousands of good and bad examples of grotic art and

literature as far back as art goes. These collections are ! ally sun-

ported by the state. Ern c art will

always be made because it is about

an aspect of human life, pleasure and even happiness. Where is the

"new gaiety" Tony Crosland said we needed 20 years ago? In your

Crosland obituary on Monday, you singled out the following resounding words of his: "While a puritar

government of one's own life is admirable, a pharisaical attitude to-

revolting."

We want to urge intelligent people in the press, in our great political parties and in our Conn-

cils of Art to help complete the arand sense of freedom we talk a lot about. Debate should now be joined in the actual defence of some

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abinet's failure to reach usive decision on direct to the European Parat its special meeting ou yect yesterday is disit may even reflect authority by the Prime as a result of the Govhumiliating defeat on lation guillotine motion the week. For he himtold the Parliamentary rty on Thursday that ed for a conclusive at yesterday's meeting, he could not wait for a on from the National we Committee.

e now told that we must ther two weeks, and that e will get then is not a it a white paper with edges, allowing further on both inside and oute Labour Party before wernment embark on egislation. This suggests hostility to direct elecpressed last year by both and the party conferill finds a strong echo he Cabinet, and that Mr an was either unwilling le to override it-at any the absence of the Secretary, who yesteraway in Paris. Both by ction and by personal Dr Owen is the of the Cabinet most ommitted to honouring given to our European

but even when he is

is voice can hardly vet : he same weight as that

lamented predecessor.

leadline set by the Select

ing bill" should receive the royal assent by the end of this month-has clearly not been taken seriously by the Government at all. But this time-table assumed that the Government would follow the Select Committee's recommendation in adopting, for the first round of European elections, the "first past the post " system at present used for electing the House of Commons. There were good grounds for the assumption. The recommendation was supported by the Labour as well as the Conservative members of the Select Committee; and the Government have shown themselves resolutely hostile to the introduction of a proportional electoral system for the Scottish and Weish Assemblies, in spite of strong arguments of tactics as well as of principle.

It appears, however, that in the recent Cabinet discussions this assumption has been put in doubt, and that some ministers have canvassed the possibility of using the list system of proportional representation in order to avoid the delays involved in having single-member " Euroconstituencies" (each composed of eight or nine House-of-Commons constituencies) delineated by the boundaries commissions.

It is not only the time factor which makes this revolutionary proposal seem suddenly attractive to some Labour tacticians. They have also become aware of the drastic humiliation which Labour could inflict on itself by fighting its first European election while in office at Westminster and under a winnertee-that a "first enabl- takes-all electoral system.

There is indeed little doubt that the "first past the post" system would, because of the larger much constituencies, produce a British delegation to the European Parliament even more absurdly unrelated to the proportions of votes cast than is the present House of Commons. and without the justification that a homogeneous majority is needed to sustain a stable administration. The arguments for PR in the European context are overwhelmingly strong, and it is very encouraging that the Government should at last be taking them seriously even if for reasons of narrow self-interest.

The list system is not, of course, the preferred choice of most British advocates of PR. But it is the commonest system among our European partners. It would therefore not be an inappropriate choice for European elections which eventually are to he standardized throughout the Community, and for a parliament in which each member will in any case have difficulty in maintaining close contact with his several hundred thousand electors. But other forms of PR -for instance the Single Transferable Vote or Lord Blake's Additional Member System "need not necessarily be ruled out by the time factor. For by the very fact of being proportional they greatly reduce the importance of constituency demarcation, and thus make the meticulous procedures of the boundaries commissions far less esseptial.

### GLAMORGAN CORRUPTION CASE

is sometimes a tendency ime that corruption in vernment is of little cone beyond the many itions of the Poulson and a few other, small, episodes. The Glamorruption case, in which a chairman of what used to ne county planning has been jailed for I a half vears, is a warninst such complacency. is a serious case and it thing to do with Mr. So seriously did Mr

Watkins regard it that only recommended local ies to heware of making e procedural blunder, but grested that Parliament amend the law. procedural blunder was but not unique: one as permitted excessive w in planning matters.

ies even to the point of mnortant decisions alone. notation and the opporcould hardly be greater. he former Glamorgan council was not alone in them. There are other charities today where the # if decision is concentrated JF COMPANIE of decision is concentrated few hands. Patter safe, need to be built into the

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hespera wintling proposed nis should be done by ng the law so that

declare not only any pecuniary interest but also knowledge of an applicant, discussion with him or any lunches taken with him. One can see the purpose of this. In order to know whether a relationship is corrupt one needs to know more than whether there is a direct financial link. But it is hard to believe that any extension of the law on the declaration of interests could provide a sufficient check. In this particular case Mr Westwood received bribes on a scale that enabled bim to

law could have been expected to make him declare those. arrangements is not that the law is inadequate but that it is difficult to enforce. Where evidence of corruption comes to their notice the nolice will investigate, as they did successfully in this case. But their resources are so overstretched that they depend on the evidence being brought to their attention. The people who are in the best position to suspect that something is amiss are the senior officials in any authority. But it is naive to suprose that many of them will take the risk of making an accusation against a councillor or a fellow official-hecause that is how an

earned from his employment. No

councillors would have to approach to the police will appear—unless they are very sure of their ground. They have their careers, their families and their mortgages to consider.

It was for that reason that The Times proposed the creation of a local government inspectorate to the Redcliffe-Maud Committee on Conduct in Local Government, and why we extended that proposal to cover other public bodies in our evidence to the Royal Commission on Standards of Conduct in Public Life. Both inquiries rejected the proposal enjoy a standard of living far after careful consideration, the beyond what he could have royal commission employing among its arguments the plausible contention that no inspectorate of manageable size could know enough about so many different bodies in the public service as to be effective. But that is no reason for rejecting a local government inspectorate that would offer advice on management procedures, without imposing central control, and would be in the best position to keep an eve open for possible corruption. Such an inspectorate might, for example, have anticipated Mr Justice Watkins's caustic disapproval of the amount of power concentrated in Mr Westwood's hands, as well as providing a good concretenity for any uneasy official quietly to confide his misgivings.

### TER IN ABUNDANCE

mission from Brussels that ; butter is being sold 7 outside the EBC at a subsidized price, while provides the sort of heavy nition that critics of the mity were casting round the 1975 referendum cam-

The debating force of rguments against Commurm policy is diluted by the exities of the green pound. ary compensatory amounts. ional steps and the other nents that govern our fond . The butter issue has the age of starkness, and even enest admirer of the farm must admit that it has neen allowed to hurrle out atrol. The Commission itcknowledged the force of complaint vesterday hy rarily blocking the sales, it is by now too late. the time of the referendum · could be found in some h supermarkets for 20p a

I. Now it is hard to find or less than 50p. Admittedly of the rise has been caused noval of a domestic subsidy ie EEC rules, but public has fastened on Comty farm policy as the culprit for a price rise that has far outstripped increases in wares and the cost of living. Opposition to the policy is

much sharper now than it was at the time of the referendum. Organizations that campaigned hard for an affirmative vote then are condemning the farm policy root and branch now. The Con-Association. sumers' example, now links attacks on the butter sales to demands for drastic reform of the entire policy. It says that when surpluses occur under the existing policy shoppers in the Comgunity should have the first chance to buy them cheanly. It then calls for a new policy in which the interests of shonpers are served as much as those of producers and in which gizantic surpluses are not encouraged.

Food processors also, who were among the most influential pro-Mariet campaigners in the referendum campaign, use the case of hurrer to question the fundamental principles of Common Agricultural Policy. They say that the policy encourares the pernemation of surpluses he constantly raising form prices so that depend by shoppers is discouraged while thing.

unwanted extra output is stimulated. That is a complaint to which British farming interests have not given a satisfactory answer, though they readily admit the need for some change in the Common Agri-

culmiral Policy. These large chronic surpluses are a clear sign of the malfunctioning of the Common Agricultural Policy, and it is very naturally an occasion for scandal when the surpluses are disposed of on terms advantageous to the consumer while none of the advantage comes the way of citizens of the Community. The surpluses, so long as they continue to accumulated, should be sold off inside the community either as cheap welfare food to selected categories of consumer (as was tried with heef in 1974), or by a general reduction in the retail price, the effect of which on dairy farmers would have to be curhioned by manipulation of the support price. That of course would be a breach of one of the principles of the Common Agricultural Policy. But a breach of had principle can be a good

### in the Sudan

Mr J. H. K. Jefferson be interesting article by your ce Correspondent printed on sary 22 leaves the impression here has been no serious previttempt to check soil deterioraand erosion in the Sudan. fact the problem was recog-from 1937, and the writings lsoeth Huxley and Steinbeck the work of the Tennessee y Authority stirred the minds inking people in the Sudan, to ffect that a Soil Conservation nittee was set up by the Gover-

teneral in December. 1941.
committee renorted in
l on many national probin 1944; since that year
to 1955 a great deal of ernsion work was carried out. ding the excavation of some earth reservoirs bringing about

ten million acres within five miles of water. The purpose of these reserof water. The purpose of these reservoirs was to spread the cultivation and grazing load away from old water points, as well as making new areas accessible. Some of the reservoirs were sited in conjunction with alternative grazing routes for nomad cattle, which were the result of the advice of a grassland expert and the cooperation of local tribal authorities who well understood the importance of the work.

Forests of mesquite trees were planted around Khartum as a blown sand control measure and were thriving. These trees—Prosopis Juliflora—are especially effective as they are deep rooted, are distasteful to animals so far as their foliage goes, but have nutritious pods.

In short, a great deal of work was done and projected. If it was not carried out after the British field staff left, around 1955, it was because of the reasons given in your correspondent's penultimate para-graph in quoting Sayed Wadieh Babashi: the difficulties Babashi: the difficulties of action in the face of sociological problems.

There is one important aspect to be remembered when dealing with marginal desert areas, and that is that no amount of groundwork will hair a major climatic change; there have been several in the traceable

history of the Sudan.

To accomplish the possible vast sums of money are not required, but the understanding and cooperation of those involved is. Yours faithfully. JOHN JEFFERSON. formerly Soil Conservation Officer. Sudan Government,

Hill Wicket Child's Ercall, Market Drayton, Shropshire. February 23.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Management of Freightliners

From the General Secretary, NUR Sir, Sir Dan Pettir's defence of the NFC's performance in managing Freightliners (letter, February 15) is based on grossly misleading statistics. In comparing eight million train miles a year with 24 million miles of road collection and delivery to service the Freightliner business, he overlooks the fact that one train carrying an average of about 35 containers is doing the job of 35 lorries. The true figure for comparative purposes is in terms of toune miles —2,000m tonne miles a vear by rail against 200m tonne miles by road.

The idea behind the handover

of Freightliners to the NFC was to improve road/rail integration. This is specifically provided for in Section 1 of the Transport Act, 1968. The best commentary on NFC's ability to organize intermodal transport is offered by the fact that over the last three years, the proportion of containers conveyed on hehalf of other NFC companies has

fallen steadily each year.
The real problem is that, however sincere the management may be in wanting to make a success of Freightliners, NFC's strutory duty to make the maximum economic use of rail has always been in conflict with its financial remit to maximi~e the return on the full range of its

The return of Freightliners to British Rail ownership will widen the options of rail-based services available to customers, by giving access to general merchandize business for premises which are not rai! connected and which require door to door development. Freightliners would provide another rail option—for the movement of merchandise traffics when the primary customers requirement is door-to-door conveyance. The more efficient use of the Rail Board's extensive marketing resources will be possible if the customers can be offered this complete range of services without reference to a separate marketing company for

container movements.

It is also worth remembering that British Rail's total investment in Freightliner operations is substantially greater than that of NFC. A switch of ownership to BR would bring no organizational problems if Freighbliners returned complete to become a BR subsidiary.

The vision of Freightliners as the key to road/rail integration has failed, and Freightliners remain a predominantly rail-based activity in a road-orientated NFC. The competitive strength of Freightliners lies in its speedy economic trunk haul by rail. Under BR manage-ment. Freightliners would be the sensible rail involvement in traffics requiring door-to-door conversance tially greater use of rail for traffic of that kind at present on the roads. Yours faithfully, WEIGHELL,

General Secretary, National Union of Rail-wayman, Unity Pruse, From Road, NW1.

### Somerset House

From Sir John Betjeman Sir. It will be a cheerful thing for London if more Turners are on view as the result of agreement between the British Museum and the Tate

Gallery.
So far your correspondents have not mentioned the inestimable benefit Londoners will receive when this finest square, that of Somerset House, is no longer a car park but a place of quiet and Edinburgh-like dignity off the roar of the Strand. We will also see the staircases designed by Sir William Chambers, the noble gallery of the Royal Aca-demy, the delicate mouldings and grand proportions of rooms unknown for almost two centuries. I, for one, am grateful to the Registrar General and other civil servants for having looked after these rooms and staircases so well and so long and to the Departmen of the Environment for restoring

Yours etc. SIR JOHN BETTEMAN, 29 Radnor Walk, SW3. February 24.

### W. H. Auden's grave

From Mrs Daisy Swindell Sir, On Sunday, February 20, we took a run down to Kirchstetten, and as usual when there we went to see Auden's grave, which is in the tiny churchyard of this small Austrian village. To our amazement, the grave was covered with the most beautiful wreaths. Upon inquiry at the gasthaus opposite, we were told there had that day been a celebration in honour of Auden's seventieth birthday, which would have fallen on the following day, February 21. It seems the whole village turned out—some 300 people, with brass

band and choir.

It is good to think that whoever else may forget, Auden will always be remembered in this little hidden Austrian village. His photograph is proudly displayed in the village centre for all to see, and the street where Auden used to live is now

where Audenstrasse.
Surely a literary person of some consequence in England should communicate with the Burger-meister of Kirchstetten, and meister of Kirchstetten, and acknowledge the faithfulness of this amall Austrian community to a famous man? Yours truly, DAISY G. SWINDELL, 38/13 Mollardgasse, Vienna, 1060,

#### What Keats drank From Mr Lawrence Wright

Airesford.

Hampshire.

Sir, Keats clearly names the wine he wants as "Hippocrene", but this, being a fountain on Mount Helicon, would presumably have produce water. Was not Keats a bit fuddled already, and confusing Rippocrene with Hippocras, a cordial of wine and spices? Yours faithfully. LAWRENCE WRIGHT. 27 West Street,

### Devolution: a fresh approach

From Miss E. M. O. Laurie Sir, Mr Timothy Raison's co sense about devolution (in his let-ter in your issue of February 25) will be welcomed by many irrespec-tive of party. The recent vote in the Commons should be seen not as a battle lost or won but as a last chance to return to rational discussion about what can best be discussion about what can best be done in the interests of the people of the United Kingdom as a whole.

It is necessary to be frank. We drifted into the present mess because of a lack of sufficiently realistic public discussion of what the various devolution arguments were really about. The material which flowed from the Royal Commission and from the politicians did little to clarify the issues. The resulting confusion was exploited by a small minority of extreme nationalists and by short term tac-ticians in all political parties. The recent vote has meant that there has now got to be some fresh thought, like it or not.

But the thinking and the discussion ought for all our sakes to be about the real issues and options, heir consequentials, and the practical prices that would need to be naid for them in all sorts of terms. It should not be solely about ways of fragmenting our existing nation state. Above all it should not be merely about how to buy off the

Let there by all means be further opportunities for the extremists at both ends to peddle their muddled diagnoses and their false historical nostrums—so long as these are at debete. But let there also be opportunity, before it is too late, for articulation of what may well be the majority of people in all parts of the Kingdom. These, I suggest in-clude in varying degrees the following propositions. The United King-dom government probably does too much under any party, certainly does not do it very well, may one day follow better policies if only the voters will let it, but meanwhile needs some reform in the way it operates, and this reform ought to include arrangements for more responsive contact with differing circumstances and feelings in different parts of the country.

Two such parts of the countrythe area north of the Tweed and the area west of the Severncontain the most evident concenrations (although not necessarily the largest numbers) of those in the United Kingdom's population who like to boast a cultural descent from peoples of the now defunct senarate nations of Scotland and Wales. Within limits this is a harm-

Sir, In his letter to you (February

16) Professor Denman asks; who owns the derelict wasteland in our

Vacant land in cities

From Mr J. W. Burrows

suggest

picture.

the private sector land usually over one half is owned by statutory undertakings such as British Rail the Docks Board and the Gas Board. Much of the land is reserved for the accommodation and servicing of future urban development and a

inner cities? From my own research on the implications of vacant land in 20 of the largest great deal is land in current deve-lopment programmes for which the present financial situation. Regardless of public sector schemes the following general On average, between 3 per cent the movement of private investment and 5 per cent of city land is vacant, with one half to two-thirds away from the inner areas, where conditions are not attractive and land prices are high, continues. Vacant property which is on the market does not appear to be much sought after and there is little of the total outside the inner areas. Within the inner areas, the remaining vacant land forms 5 per cent to 12 per cent of the area. The inner evidence to suggest that the release of more land on to this market by areas of Glasgow and Liverpool, and some East End London boroughs have over 10 per cent of the public sector, as has been advocated in your columns, would their land vacant, representing some make any significant difference at 300 hectares to 400 hectares in each the present time to the speedy reso-lution of the whole inner city land

Where ownership records do exist, the general pattern appears to be that of a fairly even split between local authority owned land (about 55 per cent of the total) and privately owned land, although of

problem. Yours faithfully, JOHN BURROWS. School of Environmental Studies, University College London, "middle and upper classes". During my own 16 months of

service with the British Battalion of the XV International Brigade I

cannot recall meeting more than a handful of volunteers who were

of human rights in Argentina. In

these forums it appears to have been forgotten that the Argentine Repub-

lic has a tradition and a well deserved reputation as a country that respects the rights and fundamental freedom of human beings,

and that its population is composed

of all those who came from other

continents in search of peace and liberty which would allow them to

prosper under the protection of a system and political organization

offered to them generously, without distinction as to nationality, race or

creed. This is the very same politi-cal system which international ter-rorism is seeking to destroy in Argentina, alleging socio-political

claims and the enjoyment of human

I feel sure that The Times must be aware of the dangers which ter-rorism creates for mankind and of

the manifold and complex forms in

which it manifests itself and operates in the different regions of

the world.

I realize that distance may make

difficult the understanding of the true state of affairs, particularly, when information does not reflect it objectively.

In this task, the mass media are saled upon to play a fundamental

called upon to play a fundamental role in presenting daily events with

sincerity so as to provide the world

with a true picture of the problems

and of their magnitude and thus help to solve them.

Yours faithfully.

R. M. GOWLAND,

Charge d'Affaires a.i., Arzentine Embassy. 9 Wilton Crescent, SW1. February 23.

#### Volunteers in Spain From Mr John Peet

Sir, It would be interesting to hear the evidence for Laurence Cotterell's claim (New Books, February 10) that during the Spanish Civil War "what was seen as the cause of the Spanish workers drew its main support in this country from the middle and upper

The most direct form of support for the Spanish Republic was, of course, that given by the 2,010 British volunteers who served in the International Brigades. The

not of working class origin; an upper figure of 10 per cent "middle and upper class" volunteers is probably an overestimate. It should perhaps be mentioned that the large working class majority put up tolerandly with our "middle class" accents and lack of first hand knowledge of the facts of working class life. Yours fai-hfully, JOHN PEET. overwhelming majority certainly come from the Isbour movement (Communist Party, Labour Party, trade unions) and not from the Friedrichstrasse 129, German De nocranc Republic. February 11.

#### Argentine terrorism From the Argentine Chargé

d'Affaires al.

Sir, Your leading article "A Dangerous Negotiation" (February 23), as well as the news published by you on February 22 regarding claims presented in Geneva to the United Nations Human Rights Commission, make it necessary for me make some statements on the true situation in my country.

Argentina has had to live through highly undesirable experience as a result of acts of terrorism carried out by those who do not accept that national life should take place within the framework of our fundamental institutions This terrorism, a tragic scourge

which afflicts the whole world, in-dependent of ideologies and economic systems, began to creep into our country through the cracks that the free operation of unwary democracy often leaves open.

The Argentine Government had to face terrorist activity set to destroy the state and undermine political institutions. This activity showed an utter disregard of life, property and personal security which are foremost in the Declaration of Human Rights, not always quoted in good

My Government has not shirked its responsibility and is resolutely and firmly determined to take whatever legal action the requirements of the situation may dictate to main-

Recently it has been noticed, with suggestive frequency, that some international forums are showing a dedicated concern for the exercise

Kingdom population as a whole. For most purposes, however, and cer-tainly for nearly all purposes of government, such groups continue to have a much greater community of interest with the rest of the United Kingdom than they do inter-nally. Such distinctive identity as they do possess certainly deserves some recognition and respect-where this can be given without un-fairness to others. But what it does not justify is minority dictation of how the United Kingdom as a whole in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries should be governed. Still less does it justify our con-

less habit of thought and behavious which indeed enriches the United

timing to approach important con-stitutional issues, at the expense of adequate attention to even more important economic and social issues, in such a state of preoccupation with the fate of a dozen or two Commons votes in one or two Parliaments as to fan the very extremes of nationalism that in veneral are rightly deplored. Yours faithfully,

MARY LAURIE. c/o Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, NW1. February 25.

From Mr A. J. C. Kerr

Sir. Following on the loss of the guillotine motion, the only safe course open to the Government is in hold the proposed Scottish and Welsh referenda immediately.

If both countries vote against devolution, the Bill should then be dropped. If Wales votes agains, and Scotland in favour, the Welsh clauses should be discarded and the Tories should accept a guillotine on the Scottish clauses. If both countries vote in favour, the next guillotine motion should also be accepted.

A constitutional conference, at this late hour, will very generally be regarded as a means to waste time until the Tories return to power, in the hope that the Nationalist threat will somehow subside.

It would have been reasonable to hold it after the Tory victory in 1970, or in 1976 as a natural follow up to the White Paper. At this stage, however, it will be seen as one more delaying device, and will impress no one. After so many years of waiting, and so many broken promises, the Scottish people at least expect results, and a conference is not a result.

I am, Sir. Your obedient servant,

A. I. C. KERR, 52 Castlegate, Jedburgh, Poxburghshire. February 23.

#### Distribution of honours From Professor Joel Hurstfield

Sir, I cannot endorse Mr Lewis's proposal (February 22) to end the present patronage system as per-fected under the Wilson-Falkender nefactions in favour of "a council of impartial men and women "
to distribute these titles. To create a consortium of retired judges, academic pundits, eminent civil carvants, weighty industrialists, exconnected men of letters, ex-Prime Ministers and a whole tribe of establishment figures would simply lead to the reward of other establishment figures and of dependents of the new patrons.

Surely it is better to keep the present system. We know how peerages are now given and we value them accordingly. I don't admire a man the more or the less for his peerage. I have other ways of judg-ing his worth. And at least the present system is a source of inno-cent merriment. So come back, Marcia, all is forgiven! Yours, etc.

JOEL HURSTFIELD. Hampstead, NW3.

#### Tree planting From Miss Joy Griffith-Jones

Sir, I have followed with interest the correspondence in your news-paper following Lady Keswick's excellent suggestion that trees should be planted to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubiles but no one has yet come up with the idea that food-bearing trees should be considered.

When we are being exhorted on all sides to grow more food from our own resources it surely behaves us to give serious thought to the plantlocust, a tree which can be grown in hilly districts, producing a high yield of beans—up to 1,000 gounds of beans per tree per year—and relished by farm animals; or many to the trees that produce fruit of the trees that produce fruit, oil and fodder for both livestock and human consumption and which can be grown in areas unsuitable for stock and arable production.

Yours faithfully, JOY GRIFFITH JONES Editor, The Soil Association, Walnut Tree Manor, Haughlev. Stowmarket.

### New York and Concorde

From Mr R. H. Firth Sir, The letter from Dr K. A. Long (February 23) prompts one to ask why New York should be bullied into accepting Concorde. If it is not wanted on grounds of noise and environmental considerations this attitude should be respected. There are many people in this country who have strong sympathy-with the people of New York.
Yours sincerely,

R. H. FIRTH, 40 Ringsfield Road, Beccles, Suffolk.

### Rockall

From Mr N. P. Reilly Sir, Many of your correspondents base the British claim to Rockall on several landings made by the Royal Navy in the 19th Century. But surely as the Act of Union became law in 1801 this Navy was then the Navy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain AND Ireland.

Would partition be a solution? Yours faithfully, NOEL PATRICK REILLY, 162 Cowley Road.



### COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 25: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips were present this ceremon at the Mayor's Bunquet and Ball, in celebration of The Queen's Silver Jubilec and the 700th Anniversary of the Grant of the First Charter of the Town of Windsor, which was held at the Castle Hotel, Windsor. Miss Victoria Legge Bourke was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by General Sir John Gibbon (Aide de Camp General to Her Majesty) Memorial Service for Cangral Sir John Sharp (Aide-de-Camp General) which was held at the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst, today.

CLARENCE HOUSE February 25: Monsieur Georges Spénale, President of the Euro-pean Parliament, today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Motner.

A memorial service for Mr Colm Brogan will be held at the Church of St Charles Borromeo. Ogle Street, W1, on Wednesday, March 9, at 11 am.

#### Birthdays today

Mr B. J. Greenhill. 57; Major Sir Derrick Gunston. 86; Mr A. Mi:naed Clark Hutchison. MP. 61: Professor A. J. Murphy, 76: Professor Ivor Armstrong Richards. 41: Colonel Sir Leonard Ropner. 82: Sir Horace Seymour. 92: Sir Walter Tong. 87; Pro-fessor E. G. Turner. 65.

TOMORROW: Sir Myles
Abbott, 71: Dr C. H. Best, 78:
Sir George V. Clark, 87: Lord
Coleraine, 76: Viscount Cowdray,
67: Vice Admiral Sir Kaye Edden, 67; Vice Admiral Sir Kaye Edden, 72; Sir Berkeley Gage, 73; Sir Phillip Hay. 39; Air Marshal Sir Harold Martia, 39; Sir Algertion Rumbold, 71; Sir Charles Sykes, 72; Miss Elizabeth Taylor, 45.

#### Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr J. D. Semken to be legal ad-tiser (deputy under-secretary of state) in the Home Office in succession to Sir Kenneth Jones, QC, who retires on June 30. Mr P. Harvey to be legal adviser to the Department of Education and Science from April 18 in suc-cession to Mr G. E. Dudman.

Mr J. E. Buck to be honorary consultant in orthopaedic surgery to the Royal Herbert Hospital. Woolwich until its closure and thereafter to the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich. He succeeds Mr F. G. St Clair Strange, who has retired,

Sir George Huckle to be chairman of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority and Mr K. J. Arnott to be deputy chairman.

### Today's engagements

Exhibition: 75 years of British submarines. National Maritime Museum, 10-6. Exhibition: Good tastes. Victoria | Service dinners and Albert Museum, 10-5.50. Exhibition: German Expressionist prints, City of York Art Gallery, 10-5.

Walk: Discovering London, May-fair: meet Green Park Underground station, 2.

### Tomorrow

Exhibition: Japanese painting and prints, schools of Ganku and Buncho, British Museum, 10-5. Exhibition: Unofficial Russian art. ICA Galleries, The Mail, 2-6, last

Exhibition: Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours. jubilee exhibition. The Mall Galleries, 10-5. Walk: Black Friars and the bells of St Paul's, Blackfriars Underground station, 3.

#### 25 years ago From The Times of Tuesday, February 26, 1952

Phantom army It is difficult to understand either

it is difficult to understand either the meaning or the purpose of the communique published by the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty in Lisbon. This states in words which seem almost to have been chosen for their ambiguity—they have no other victue—that the they have no other virtue—that the member nations will provide this year approximately 50 divisions in appropriate conditions of combat readiness. Only the most ingen-nous will suppose that General Eisenhower will in fact have 50 divisions ready and able to fight in Europe by the end of the year. The exact figures are rightly sec-rct, but the present force is gen-erally believed to be rather less than half that number. Pre-sumably the announcement was meant to impress someone; but it will not impress the Russians who know very well the true state of affairs and who have the sense to realize that any real plans for real divisions would be kept sec-

### Crosland ceremony

the ashes of Mr Anthony Crosland the asses of Mr Anthony Crosland will be scattered in the Humber rom a tug on Friday. The cerenony, at Grimsby, Mr Crosland's onstituency, will be conducted by he Rector of Grimsby, the Revieoffrey Brown.

#### Hermann Hesse and the path to Mozart and the immertals OBITUARY Game. He rejects the role of sixts that he does not write as prise is the eternal, the trancommentator on his novels; he a politician; indeed, he scendent, the unconditional equations (lesus=Buddha= will not be drawn as a teacher. Yet he knows somehow that he By Professor Ulrich Simon University of London King's College Centenaries of births are hor-

Yet he knows somehow that he proving ing as a rule. Hesse nimself would have smiled at such an artificial means of remembering him. No one could have been more indifferent to public esteem, and the fame of worldly success he left to the any great writer. Yet he saw

covernors in all sectors. Yet, world was facing an above genuine resistance, its because he doubted the which the institutional religions is the point where the self-appointed grander. group of men he most des during the early decades of pised: statesmen, dictators, this century that the civilized gions could no longer bridge. Brought up in a missionary Protestant family, he reacted self-appointed grandees and power-seeking materialists, he could not help desiring the sharply against dogmatic survival of his considerable belief. It not only stified the work. Little could he have spirit but actually condoned all foreseen that a world-wide the fatal woes of a collapsing acclaim would so soon after tradition. Wars, revolutions, tradition. Wars, revolutions, his death (1962) affirm his tortures, and final solutions legacy.
In his published letters, of derived from the false religious Yes to the state, to the which only those to Thomas Mann are so far available in masses, to collective entities.

Mann are so far available in Reading his letters one is may not be wholly in the neg-English (Peter Owen, 1976), he constantly alerted to the abid-regards himself often as ing danger of this Yes. Hesse show that these desperate passe; old before his time, does not exempt Luther from remedies. Also mislead and worn out and burdened, he the responsibility of having must be overcome. In his letsaddled the Protestant north ters he sometimes repents of from the great exponents of not explain his works but they with a built-in servicity to the having created a misunder-the Spirit. Perhaps Hesse make the celebration of this state, as if this were part of standing, for, he declares, the would not fare too well in a centenary an occasion of criti-the Christian faith. Hesse in real aim of all spiritual enter-modern class for the compara-tism and affirmation.

February 19 at the Church of St Nicholas, Castle Hedingham, be-

tween Mr James Fairbanks, son

The Royal Begiment of Wales
The 3rd and 4th Volumeer

Bartalions The Royal Regiment of

Wales (24th '41st Foot) held a joint dinner at Cardiff Castle yesterday to celebrate the feast of St David. Lieutenant-Colonels B. T. John and M. Davies presided and the Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan.

Sir Cennydd Traherne, was the

Royal Engineers (Transportation)

The annual reunion dinner of the

The annual reunion diffiner of the Royal Engineers (Transportation) was held yesterday evening at the Officers' Mess. Army School of Transport, RCI Longmoor, Hampshire. The principal guest was the Engineer in Chief, Major General J. H. Foster, and the president, Colonel J. H. Anderson, was in the chair.

The annual dimer of the dining club of officers of the 4th and 5th Battallions The Essex Regiment (TA) was held last night at the RAF Club, Piccadilly. Major-General M. W. Holme presided and the guests included Colonel Sir John Ru-zies-Brise. Lord Lieutenant of Essex, and Lieutenant Colonel R. W. C. Charlton, High Sherrif of Essex.

The annual dinner of the RAF

Supply Officers' Dinner Club was held last night at the Officers' Mess, RAF Hendon. Air Vice-

Marshal K. H. Gooding was in the chair and Air Vice-Marshal H. Gill presided.

The Essex Regiment (TA)

High Sherrif of Essex.

being spent abroad.

principal guest.

theless. Hesse, who hates false thetoric sets before his corre-

women of the 1920s also chose to misread the Steppenwolf. Perhaps they are not to be blamed entirely, for like every great artist Hesse is ambiguous about salvation. Can ecstasy be produced by drugs? Should intoxication take the place of boring old morality and petrified religion? In a sense the answer may not be wholly in the neg-

Gallery opening: Two of a gar-

niture of five vases with Arita

pattern which form part of the

display, at a new art gallery

established by Liverpool Uni-

versity to house the collections

of paintings, ceramics, silver and

other works of art given to the

university since its foundation

brates its twenty-first birthday

today with a concert at its original

home, the Town Hall, Birming-ham. The programme will be made

up of the same works it per-formed at its first concert in 1956.

The orchestra has supplied about sixty musicians to professional orchestras, and former members

now playing with the Halle, the Royal Philhermonic and at Covent Garden will be back for the anniversary. Among them will be

Miss Elizabeth Grace Apps. of Maidstone, left 519,961 net. After personal bequests she left 55,000 to All Saints Parish Church, Maidstone, for the upkeep of the fabric, and the residue equally between the RNID and RNIB.

Other estates include (net, before

By Our Arts Reporter

Latest wills

the Hesse's guides. He stands in holds a truth, perhaps the truth, which can bring relief to the hard-pressed pilgrims of the Spirit.

Hesse's message is no more clearly defined than there of the laws of Rarlin 1) Noner the stands in nor untrue and even about in the stands in nor untrue and even about in the stands in nor untrue and even about in the stands in nor untrue and even about in the stands in nor untrue and even about in the stands in nor untrue and even about in the stands in nor untrue and even about in the stands in nor untrue and even about in the stands in nor untrue and even about in the stands in th clearly defined than that of of the Jews of Berlin!). Never- one facet only, and the Ameri- who disliked even the fashioncan youngsters who want a able moves in vor d-religion religion which turns them since he sensed their political

> stinctive, but Hesse conceives of a vast progress, the spiritual

The much-maligned elitism

in 1881 It was opened yester-day by Professor Robert

day by Professor Kovert Whelan, the vice-chancellor, and

was financed by the Sydney Jones Fund, established by the

late Sir Sydney Jones, a former Lord Mayor of Liverpool, who

also bequeathed a large part of

leader of the Royal Philharmonic. The MYO was the idea of Blyth

Mapor, who was general manager of the City of Birmingham Sym-

phony Orchestra when he saw the need, 25 years ago, for a training orchestra in the Midlands to bridge the gap between school and col-

Forty-five young musicians were chosen from 120 applicants after auditions and rehearsals began on February 26, 1956.

duty paid; duty not disclosed): Donalds-Wilson. Mrs Elsie Elizabeth, of Salford . £111,349 Ellis. Mr Frank Walker Leslie. of

Worksop, baulage contractor and

Worksop, Baumage garage proprietor ... £130,082 ; Boare, Major Robert, of Oakbam £408,249

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Midland Youth Orchestra's

21st birthday concert

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Continental furniture was again in strong demand at Sorheby's yesterday. As usual, the highest prices were secured by Dutch floral marquerry, with a mid-eighteenth. tentury bombe campet at \$4.000

several extras like pillars inset in the canted corners, leaf-scroll feet

The sale totalled \$70,028, with

# marquetry By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

the carited corners, leat-scroll feet and brass handles cast with armorial orals representing France and Belgium, was sold for £1.450 testimate £1.500 to £1.300).

The German vieces in particular tended to exceed Sotheby's expectations, with an early-eighteenth century small walnut armoire at £1,750 testimate £500 to £700). The doors are inset with three hurrances.

There was also a collection of 37 clay pipes moulded and painted to represent royal, patriotic or commemorative themes: the col-lection totalled 1931. Average prices were between 12 and 150.

Kester, Mr Walter Harry, of totalled Cambridge, solicitor . £213,674 unsold.

### High prices paid for **Dutch** floral

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4 per cent unsold. It also in-cluded oriental rugs and carpets, cluded oriental rules and carpets, where prices were unpredictable, accounting for most of the small unsold percentage. Nevertheless, a vast Ziegler Feraghan carpet (24ft lin by 14ft 9in) was sold for \$2.00 (estimate \$1.200 to \$1.500) and a good Meshed carpet (13ft 8in by 10ft lin; made \$2.000 tas estimate).

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At Christie's, a routine sale of English pictures made £38,020, with 19 per cent unsold. Spiok paid the top price of £900 lestimate £150 to £200 for "The Palace of the Prince at Monaco".

a rogue in the late 1960s. A Stevengraph of "Oueen Victoria and her four sone" was sold for £400 (estimate £300).

whose bowl was modelled as a portrait of Edward VII as Prince of Wales; it was the work of "Gambier a Paris". The sale totalled E7.811 with 10 per cent

#### hamsted and the Slade School of Art, he was formerly a cloth merchant, and did not walk on in the West End until the aurumn of 1936. His first important parts were Lysander and (She Stoops to Conquer) Hastings at the Old

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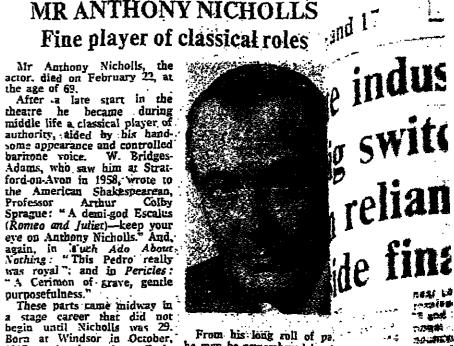
Vic in 1938-39; he was in the cast of Ivor Novello's The Dancing Years (Drury Lane, 1939); then, for six years, he served in the Army, being demobilized as major, and it was not until 1950 that he returned to the London theatre as Lampeter in Accolade.
Critics remarked on his voice and aspect when he played the Angel in the revival of Tohias

and the Angel at the Aris in the summer of 1953; and prac-tically at once he began the full classical career that took him through engagements with the Stratford-on-Avon company: the Chichester and Glyndebourne Festivals (at Glyndebourne in 1962 he was the Fencine Master Dutch managany, like its English Counterpart, seemed to be of less interest: a transforme lateless interest: The Brutz chise Affair: The Battle of Br

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trans productions of Tereuce Rattigan's Ross. He appeared, too, in his time, at the Hampstead and Greenwich theatres.



MR ANTHONY NICHOLLS

From his long roll of pa he may be remembered best 1907, and cducated at Berk-Kent in King Lear which played to Gielgud at the Pala London (1955), and to Lau ton at Stratford (1959), a co manding Duke in Measure i Measure (Stratford 1956), a Old Vic (1957), Laten in t Guthrie production of Al.
Well that Ends Well (Stratfo 1959). Warwick in Saint Jo. (Chichester and the Nation company 1963). Sir Samust Legend in Love for Lo Legend in Love for Lon (National company 1965), at Antonio to Olivier's Shylock The Merchant of Venice (N. tional company 1970)

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He toured Canada and if United States with the Old V (1954-55), Russia with the Straford company (1958-59), Mocow and Berlin with the National company (1965), an Canada for the National Theatr (1967).

Anthony Nicholls appeared ia number of films includin The Hasto Heart: The Fra Rocks: the long-runoing Had leigh and less satisfying The He was married to Faid Kent

Tiltman-Langley Laboratory, the beginnings of his long and distinguished career in aircraft design had already taken him to Shorts at Rochester, Supermarine at Southampton, Handley Page at Cricklewood, Desourter at Croydon and de Havilland at Stag Lane and Hat-field, and by 1936 he was chief designer of the British Aircraft Manufacturing Company ar

which included working on a small work in oil on board by the Schneider Trophy seaplanes the violinist, Barry Griffiths, who led at the first concert and is now leader of the Royal Philharmonic.

The small work in oil on board by the Schneider Trophy seaplanes in an autobiographical article: this was published in article: this was published in the students' team and modern pictures from the colliniary in Aeroplane, a journal and modern pictures from the colliniary in Aeroplane, a journal by the students' team.

lish Metal Aircraft Construction, which through successive editions before and during the Second World War, became the classic text on the subject, and led to his appointment as air-craft design instructor at the de Havilland Aeronautical Technical School. Many are the British designers, test pilots, engineers and aviation pro-fessionals who were his pupils. His recent inventions included foam-concrete "arrester beds"

Mr Marcus Langley, aircraft to stop aircraft over-running and author, died on February 14 at the age of 73.

By 1938 when he founded, jointly with Hessell Tiltman, the Tiltman-Langley Laborators. Unfailingly positive, cheerful

and creative, despite severe physical disabilities in recent years, and with never an unkind word to say about anyoneeven those who took credit for his inventions—Marcus Langley, was a total aviation person who inspired many, particularly the young. Born at Middlesbrough on April 9, 1903, and educated at

Hanworth

He recently described his association with R. J. Mitchell London University, he studied to metallurgy privately and from metallurgy privately and from the disc. 1919 to 1924 learned the dislection of the Barone Basilio Lemmermann for £22.852 with every lot finding a buyer.

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I and modern pictures from the colling in which designed and built air. In the large for the King's Cup air. In the king's Cup jettisoning of fuel, and proto-type equipment for RAF fighters and bombers. In the early sixties he was director early sixties he was unrector
and chief of research to the
Beagle Auster and Beagle Air
craft companies, and his responsibilities included design of
the Airedale promtype, which
flew in 100 days from the start.

The Marcus Langley was a Fellow -

Society.

### MR T. C. WORSLEY

R.M. writes:

All Cuthbert Worsley's friends
must be grateful for your, excellent obituary, but may I be
allowed to add a few points?

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allowed to add a few points? the RAF as an education officer. Thanks to the good offices of at a great distance from his analyst, he soon suffered a complete nervous, breakdown. Replete nervous breakdown. Replete nervous breakdown. Replete nervous breakdown and the great distance from his analyst, he soon suffered a complete nervous breakdown. Replete nervous breakdown recovered by the RAF with leased by the RAF with leased by the RAF with leased by the gradually recovered. Other victims of neurosis may be happy to learn that eventually a few weeks at the Mandsley Hospital with the drug-treatment proved incomparably more effective than great distance from his analyst, he soon suffered a complete nervous breakdown. Replete nervous breakdown Replete nervous breakd

### MR JACK O'CONNOR

Jack O'Connor, who has died tion of being the bere noir of in hospital at Buckhurst Hill at the age of 79, was one of the mainstays of Essex cricket between the wars, scoring more runs than any other Essex professional He was particularly. South Africa at Lord's in 1929 quick and clever on his feet, and toured the West Indies in quick and clever on his feet. His total was 27,710 for an average of 35.30 including 71 centuries. He made 1,000 runs in a season eleven times and Eron College for 18 years and 2,000 four times. Mercurial latterly in a similar capacity at player he enjoyed the reputa-

final illness.

Working before the war for years with Worsley, I used to tease him about his regular visits to a psycho-analyst. I could not believe that these were necessary: he was so effi-

"Tich" Freeman. He also took 330 wickets for 34.30 runs apiece with his slow leg break He played for England v leaving After

O'Connor was cricket coach at

### Medicine: Doubts over vaccine damage

Proving a negative is never easy, but evidence is beginning to accumulate suggesting that brain damage from whooning cough damage from whooming cough vaccine is rarer than some of the present publicity about it might suggest. Recently both The Lancet and the British Medical fournal have carried letters from neurologists and experts on infectious diseases who are responsible for the care of large numbers of children and have seen no clearcut cases of vaccine damage.

Professor N. R. Grist, of the

rals; that the specialist neurological unit in Glasgow had not
seen a case, and none had been
found in the register of handicapped children of the Greater
Glasgow Health Board. Two other consultants have

been vaccine-damaged after a severe convulsion had followed ins severe convuision had followed his third immunization: but his epilepsy was cured at the age of 16 by an operation which showed no evidence of any abnormality of the brain other than a localized scarring of 2 small area, which was removed.

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Professor Grist suggests that the controversy has arisen because of the scientific inadequacy of evidence drawn from circumstantial

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Proper detailed evidence concerning the allegedly vaccine,
damaged children, he suggests,
should be put on record for critical scrutiny by those able to
evaluate it, a view supported by
Dr. Christopher Ounsted of the
Pack Hospital for Children; Oxford, who writes dist " regroyettive studies of case histories haphazardly coming to notice at a hazardly coming to notice at a stronged will harm rather than help patients and their families." By Our Medical Correspondent Sources: The Lancet, February 12, and 19; British Medical Journal.

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The engagement is announced
between Karl Ronald, only son of
Mr and Mrs R. Cepok, of Blackgate Lane, Tarleton, Preston, and
Jane, elder daughter of Mr and
Mrs David Maidand Gardner, of
Culdees, Muthill, Perthshire. Marriage Mr J. H. B. Fairbanks and Miss P. A. Garge The marriage took place on

Mr A. J. Pugh and Mrs P. J. Huicheson of Major-General and Mrs C. B. Fdirbanks, of Nayland Suffolk, and Miss Philippa Garge, elderdaughter of Mr and Mrs T. L. Garge, of Castle Hedingham. The hride was attended by Miss Charlotte Garge and Kate and Lucy Macdonald-Buchanan. Mr Gerard Hoere was best man. A reception was held at Hedingham Castle and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

replies to his correspondents.

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A. G. Pugh, of Rotherham, Yorkshire, and Tricia, eldest daughter
of Mr and Mrs J. A. Kempton,
of Rochampton, London. Mr C. J. Woodhouse and Miss V. F. G. Joyce. The engagement is announced between Christopher. younger son of the Rer W. H. and Mrs Wood-

#### Dinners

The Earl of Lytion The Earl of Lytton presided at the annual dinner of the Byron Society held yesterday evening in the House of Lords in honour of Mr House of Lords in honour of Mr Panayotis Kanellopoulos, former Prime Minister of Greece. Lord Strabolgi, cice-president, also spoile. The Greek Ambassador and Mme Stavros Roussos and the Archbishop of Thyateria and the Dean of Westminster and Mrs Edward Carpenter were among those present

Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead

Pembroke Yeomanry A reunion dinner of the Pembroke Yeomany was held last night at the Officer's Mess RAC Ranges, Castlemartin, to mark the 180th anniversary of the surrender of the French invaders at Fishguard. Colonel G. A. Jackson presided.

### Festival to mark heritage

of City church St Botolph's, Aldgate, is nolding a festival for the next mouth to commemorate the thousand years a church has stood on that site on the eastern edge of the City of

It opens tomorrow night with an exhibition of the heritage of the parish and a concert, and continues with music of all sorts, art. theatre, and other festivities. The Rev David Randall, youth chaplain of St. Botolph's youth and community centre, said yesterday; "Our parish straddles the business life of the City and the poverty of Spitalfields. Our festival is going to bring together all these strands from the past and the

### £270,000 to mend damaged canal

The Government is to pay 1270,000 for repairs to the Cale-donian Canal, which has been closed to through traffic since collapsed, it was announced vesterday.

It is hoped that the 60-mile canal, which links the east and west coast of Scotland, will be reopened in June, two months after the tourist season has

Orkney premiere The world premiere of an opera by Peter Moxwell Davies, The Martyrdam of St Magnus, is to take place in the Cathedral of St Magnus, in Kirkwall, Orkney, on June 18. The libretto is by George Mackay Brown, the writer and poet.

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Luncheon Royal Society of Medicine The President of the Royal Society of Medicine, Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, yesterday entertained at luncheon at 1 Wimpole Street, Dr G. D. Hart, President of the Toronto Academy of Medicine, Mr T. E. Alderwick, executive director of the academy, Sir

John Dacie, Mr R. T. Hewitt and Mr R. N. Thomson.

#### Services tomorrow: First Sunday in Lent

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 5: N. 10.30, Canon Sam Woodhouse, Ben Jackson in G: HC, 11.30 (Byrd), nt. Oculi omnium (Wood': E. 3.15, om J. D. R. Hayward, Mg and My Wesley) in E: A. Casi me not away Wesley). Westry ... WESTMINSTEF ABBEY: HC. 8; M. 10.30. Jub (Stanford in D) and E. 6.30. (Janon Tryor Besson: Sun Eucharist, 1.40. Salve Regina : Light. Mass (Bird): Evensong. 3 (Cleoburghabur). Hear. O hoavens (Humphray). How is Duckworth. Nov is Buckworth.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 11.
Cathedral Eucharist. Acterna Christimuner: Palestrinal, Canon Ivor Smith-Cameron: Evansong 3.30 (Dyson in F). A. Wash me introughly (Meslow) Sign. ROYAL St James's Palace: 8.50: M. 11.15, A. Daughtern of (Diendelssonn). Sishop of Lon-### Allondelssonn. Sishop of London.

IME QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVVY (public welcomed: 11.13, Maitins and Litany. Ben Dason. Canon. Edwin Votano. A. Out of the deep !Morley! HC. 12.30.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE. HC. 8.30 and 12: MP. 12.30.

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ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church)
(public welcomed): HC. 8.30 and
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CHAPEL ROYAL. Hampton Court
Palace (public welcomed): M. 11. Ben
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GROSYENOR (MAPEL, South Audley Street: MC, 8,15; Sung Etcharist, L1. Rey J. R. Gaskell, Mass Je ne mance point de 'port (Laseus': Miserers (Allegn). MOLY SEPULCHRE, Holbern Vinder: Sung Eucharnal, 9.15. Canon R. Tydeman. Tydeman.

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HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road:

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Dr Gurney Smith.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square DC. 8.15: Sung Eucharist. 17 Balton short: Rev W. Atkins, Mot. Salva bos. Domine (Dom Pedro da Esper-REAL ST GILES IN-THE-FIELDS ST GILES Igh Street Incar Centre Point: MC. 12: MP. 11. Nev H. S. Goodwin. 6.50. Rev G. C. Taylor.

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ST JAMES'S. Piccardly: HC. B.18;
Eucharist, 9.16. Rev J. L. W. Robinson: Sung Eucharist, 11. Rev J. B.
Knight; E. G. Rev W. P. Baddeley.

ST MARGARET'S. WESTMINSTER:
11. special service for the Horse
flangers Association. Canon David L.
Edwards. Edwards.

SI MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family
Communion, 9.45, and E. 6.30, the
Vicer: M. 11.15. Res A. Couch.

ST MARY ABBOTS. Kensington:
HC, 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharlst, 9.30
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not thou thy face (l'arrant; M. 11.15.
Ray A. F. Davis, Wash me throughly
(Wostigy)

MARY'S. Bigansion Square: HC. B. Harris.

ST PAUL'S. Deniford: HM. 10 am.

Missa Sanctae Catharitae (Vranken).

Audi: benigne conditor Thermignon).

ST PAUL'S. Redford Street: Sung

EUcharisi. 11. Ray J. Arrowsmith. ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: 11, Roy R, K, Townley: 6.30, Bishop Goodwin Hudson. ST PETER'S, Eston Square: LM, 8:15 and 10: SM, 11 (Casciolini in mode X). Lord hear my prayer (Purcell). Fr Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES. Chelses: HC. I. M. 11: E. 6.50. Rev O. R. Clarke. ST STEPHEN'S. Gloucester Road: M. 8. 9: EM. 11. Mass Ave. Jam Oldrosd. Rev H. Moore: E and B. Rev K. Hobbs. 5. Nev R. Hodus.
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WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: LM. 7, 8, 9, 12, 8,30 and 7 pm: HM. 10,50, Misss Trahe me post is 1. B. 9. II. 5.50 cana repost is 10.50, Mlsss Trahe me post is victoria. The ORATORY. SW: SM, 11. Missa start iom receival: Vand B. 5.50. iol. O bone less (Palestrine). SS: SM, 11. Latin: Mass in a barts 'Ryrd'. ST PATRICK'S. Soho Square: SM. 1 bone missa sessimelics 'bedreeder'. Scanolis suis (Palestrina). Schreeder'. Scanolis suis (Palestrina). St. John's Children affine (Josquin). O so mines (Lino). Schreeder'. Sessing and special contract of the session of the se

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 4,15, 6,50 and 30-SM. 11. U. 12. 4.15. 6.50 And REGENT SQUARE PRESEVTERIAN BURCH (United Reformed). Taxistock acc: 11 and 5. Dr Daniel Jenkins CENTRAL HALL. Westminster: 11 ac 6.30 Dr M. Barnett. Kingsway Hall I west London Ission: 11 and 6.30, Rev Lordon 2006. Professor N. R. Grist, of the department of infectious diseases at Glasgow University, has stated that no cases of damage from whooping cough vaccine were ission: 11 and 5.00, her localists: (ITT TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 1 and 5.50, her Dr B. Johanson. WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting 21 54 artin's. Ludgate Hill; 11, her ... Allen Birtwhistic.

### Memorial service General Sir John Sharp

The Queen was represented by General Sir John Gibbon at a memorial service for General Sir John Sharp held yesterday in the Royal Memorial Chapel. Sand-hurst. The Rev C. Rawlinson officiated, General Sir Harry Tuzo, Master Guinner, St James's Park, read the lesson and the Ven P. Mallert, Chaplain-General to the Forces, gave an address. Among

rottes, gave an autous, Among others present were:
Lady Sharp (widow, Mr Michael Sharp rother)
son) Major and Mrs Downis Jenkins and Mrs Downis Laing sonstitutes and dispublicies. Mar and Mrs Michael Ward, Mr and Mrs Caristopher Ward. in-isw and danghlers. We and Mra Witchot Ward. We and Mra Christopher Ward.

Compander I. E. Eriksen representing the Danish Ambassador. Rear-Admiral Ur W. Schulmenann representing the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Chief of Defence Starti. Lieutenant-Colonei J. Wortvedt (representing the Norwestan Ambassador). His Lieutenant-Colonei J. Wortvedt (representing the Norwestan Ambassador). His Lieutenant for Leictenant for Hertenant J. Harman Sir Googfrey Baker. Field Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Carrer, Lady Gibbon. Lady Tuzo. General Sir Jack Harman Ireoresenting the Chief of the General Sirf Jack Harman Commodore J. R. Herten Ferrerenting Chin-C. Northern Army Group and BAOR, and GOC lat British Cornst General Sir Jence Cart for J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne J. J. J. Jenne J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. J. Jenne J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne J. J. J. Jenne Gart J. J. J. Jenne J. J. Jenne J. J. J. Jenne

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next couple of years is still un-resolved. The provision in 1977-78 and 1978-79 includes the additional £50m in each year announced by Mr Healey in his December mini-Budget, produc-ing totals of E275m in both

But the White Paper states that no decision has been taken about the years beyond 1978-79 so that the figures of £225m noted for each of the two succeeding years must be regarded as provisional.

A provision of £250m in sup-A provision of 2250m in sup-port of British Leyland from 1976-77 onwards is made, in addition to the funds to be made available from the NEB. There is also provision of

£95m for loans and grants to Chrysler (UK) to help meet losses in 1976 and to assist the company's investment programme. But any additional expenditure would be a call on the contingency reserve, the No provision has been made for the proposed state aero-

space and shipbuilding comamount and phasing of the financing requirements and Capital expenditure of the two corporations", the White Paper

d ready to seize opportunity

told a meeting of foreign cor-respondents here that Ford bad

only to justify investment plans to itself, while British Leyland

was now bound to suffer delays

in pushing ahead with new de-velopments because of the in-

volvement of the government

expect to earn our own capital—all we want (in our relation-ship with the United Kingdom

Government) is to be treated

perfectly fairly and we are being treated in this way." The Ford executive said that

gaining structure, and the res-toration of skilled differentials

which they maintain have been seriously eroded by successive

The stewards are due to attend a meeting today at which they will consider their next moves. They face a direct in-

struction—issued on Tuesday—from the national executive of

since the strike began a week

government wage policies.

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But this is not likely to
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bureaucracy. achieving sales of about 1.2
Mr Caldwell said: "We fully million units last year.

car group takeover 'a brake on development'

### £57,000 paid to Mr Pat Matthews by **FNFC**

By Adrienne Gleeson Banking Correspondent

Compensation of nearly £120,000 has been paid by First National Finance Corporation, the secondary bank which last month announced heavy losses for the third nearly losses. for the third year running, to three directors whose service contracts have been terminated.

They are Mr Pat Matthews, architect of the group's mete-oric rise ahead of the secondary banking crisis in 1974, Mr John Bardwell and Dr Basil

Mr Matthews, whose contract had the best part of three years to run, received some £57,000; Mr Bardwell about £20,000; and Dr Bard £40,000. Mr Bardwell's contract had one year to run, and that of Dr Bard nearly

Mr Maurice Denton, manag-ing director of the group, said last night that, he thought it was "a bargain for the com-pany". The compensation pay-ments, which covered both salaries and pension entitle-ments were much lower than ments, were much lower than the expenditure on salaries, offices, cars, secretarial assistance, and increased pensions would have been had the three men remained at FNFC to work out the remainder of their con-

The overall payment is revealed in the annual statement from Mr John Glyn, FNFC's chairman, who also disclosed that the company is

in further increasing its share of the British car market, after

having increased this by 3.6 per

cent to 25.3 per cent last year. He noted that Ford expected

to increase total sales in West-ern Europe this year by possibly more than 100,000 units, after

He estimated total car sales

in Western Europe this year at about the same as the 9.3

million units achieved in 1976,

but Ford's increases would be helped by sales of the new Fiesta and, to some extent, from

Ford's first attempts to gain a

one appeal from Mr Hugh Scarlon, the union's president.

more concerned to get some direct contact with Leyland

senior management now that

they see themselves in a strong

bargaining position.
So far the company, while

admitting that there are serious wage anomalies, has refused to

negotiate unilaterally with the toolroom stewards.

If, as seems likely, the tool-room stewards decide today to

continue the stoppage into next

week, some of the industry's

They will probably be much



Pat Matthews: received £57,000 in compensation.

This is, he says, " a step that is mutually regretted but is one that is agreed is necessary as a consequence of the reduction in the Group's operations". Mr Denton said last night that the management had had

discussions with both Deloitte's and FNFC's other auditors, Touche Ross, and had eventually decided that the business should stay with Touche Ross; who handled already by far the greater part of the audit. The savings were expected to be in the region of £20,000 a year.

### Bonn's first deficit since last August

From Peter Norman Bonn, Feb 25

West Germany's trade surplus declined last month, pushing the current account balance of payments into deficit for the first time since August of last

The Federal Statistics Office in Wiesbaden reported that the trade surplus fell to DM1,985m (£495m) in January from DM3,275m in December and DM2.494m in January last year. According to provisional fig. to have been as concerned as ures from the Federal Bank, they once were about the slow Germany's current account balance of payments showed a DM100m deficit in January against surpluses of DM900m in December and DM300m in January, 1976.

Demand reviving: West Germany's economic recovery could soon accelerate if demand continued its recent stronger growth, the economic ministry said in its monthly report. The increase in new industrial orders has been particularly marked.-Reuter.

dend control is prejudicial to investment or jobs."

Shares ended the week on

a subdued note as they succumbed to end-of-account profitaking. The FT index spent much of the day below 400, but by the close had rallied cufficiently to end just 0.6 down

sufficiently to end just 0.6 down on Thursday at 401.7. This left it 8.7 ahead over the five days and better by more than 20 points over the account, Giltage and the stocks had experienced.

edged stocks had another re-

strained day, but did show some firmness in late trading and

CBI revenue move

Investor's week, page 17

after hours.-

Equities close easier

In brief

### Ultra directors likely to approve Dowty bid after Racal drops out

With Racal Electronics having withdrawn from the keenly contested bid for Ultra Electronic Holdings, the board of Ultra is likely to recommend on Montale day acceptance of the £10m Dowty Group bid—unless another potential suitor sud-

another potential suitor sud-denly appears.

Announcing its withdrawal,
Racal said it "believes that its
own offer was already realistic
and has therefore informed the
board of Ultra that it does not
intend to proceed with that
offer"

Ultra's shares gave up 8p to 208p yesterday, while Dowry was unchanged at 111p. Racal's shares gained 5p to 288p. If Racal accepts the Dowry cash alternative of 210p for every Ultra share rather than will make a profit of about 11m on its 27,7 per cent stake in Ultra which was acquired at a total cost of about 113m. After Racal drapped its bid.
Lord Orr Ewing, chairman of,
Ultra, commented: "I believe,
we were fortunate to have two.

Bank signal

manages to

keep MLR

at 12pc

By John Whitmore

Financial Correspondent

The Bank of England's signal" to the discount houses on

Thursday that it is not especially happy about the speed with

which interest rates are consint-ing to fall prevented a further

significant fall in rates at yes-terday's weekly Treasury bill tender—but only just.

market related formula for

MLR been in operation.

As it is, the formula has now been in suspension since early February, with the Bank holding MLR at 12 per cent regardless of market conditions.

The Bank, however, is clearly keen that Treasury bill rates

should not drift too far below MLR, with other interest rates

Over the past couple of weeks the authorities do not appear to have been as concerned as

ditions in the money markets eased. But the indication in the

middle of this week that rates at yesterday's Treasury bill

tender could fall quite sharply

led, on Thursday, to the Bank requiring the discount houses

to take part of their loans at MLR on a seven day basis. The idea of this was to raise the

cost of money borrowed by the

discount houses by just enough to make them more conserva-tive than they might otherwise

tendering.

been in their weekly

following in their wake.

taking over Ultra it would have been prepared to hive off to Dowry Ultra's aviation control systems while retaining the communications side, particu-larly the anti-submarine devices.

Dowry is understood to have three motives in seeking to acquire Ultra. In the medium term there is a need for it to be able to develop electro-mechanical controls alongside

methanical controls alongsine
its traditional hydraulics side,
Mr Charles Bracher, financial director of Dowry, commented yesterday that the
development of the micro chip
was making possible the advances in electronics, as the

with the large element of good will it is paying for, may be-come a more difficult prey for a would-be predator.

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On Thursday of last week, Ultra was forced to announce that it had received a possible

such forward looking groups courting us. All of us who work for Ultra will do our best work for Ultra will do our best would like to see a rationalization of suppliers and added:

"I think Rolls-Royce will well on the market of the market will well on the market will be acquisition will make Dowty deals in sophisticated hydraulits. It is understood that if Rabal had succeeded in with the large element of good with the good with t

bid approach after the shares had moved from 75p to 105p and then back to 84p during the day. On the Friday, Dowty an-nounced a four-for-three share swop offer, then worth 144p a share. Ultra's shares timped to

Mr Charles Bracher, financial director of Dowty, commented yesterday that the development of the micro chip was making possible the advances in electronics, as the Swiss watch industry has found to its cost.

Secondly Ultra and Dowty are among the seven suppliers

### Losses for J Lyons' S African Wimpy

Unexpected losses of some 23.2m have come to light at J. Lyons' South African Wimpy subsidiary. Revealing this to shareholders for the first time in a document setting out details of recent asset sales worth £35m, Lyons says that the South African losses are due to a combination of omission of liabilities, overstatement of assets and the stystallization of

guarantees. Losses at South African Wimpy, which was not included tender—but only just.

The average rate on hills allotted fell from 10.9284 to 10.7662 per cent. A fall below 10.75 per cent would in theory have led to a cut in the Bank's minimum lending rate from 11; to 11; per cent, had the normal market related formula for in the sale of Wimpy franchises in the United Kingdom to United Biscuits for £7m late last year, mainly relate to the two years up to March last year. Lyons has had to change the board and management of its South African Wimpy offshoot, introduce new controls and remit funds to meet the liabil-

ties. The business is now said to be trading profitably. Meanwhile, the document £20m. sets out details of the terms on The which Trust Houses Forte will pay 127.9m for Lyons hotel interests in the United Kingdom and Ireland, apart from the Tower Hotel in London

Lyons has already received ther major asset disposals are 27.2m in cash from THF envisaged.

for the balance. These notes, which are negotiable, are issued by THF and unconditionally guaranteed by Finance for Industry, the medium-term lend-ing institution owned by the Bank of England and the leading clearing banks.

Interest on the THF promis-sory notes is at 5 per cent and they will be redeemed at twoyear intervals from the end of 1978 in three tranches of £5m with a final tranche of £5.7m

The disposals, together with debt rescheduling measures left Lyons with rotal corrowings of £242.8m at January 7. The company says that taking into account the three disposals— that of the botels, the United Kingdom Winney, business and the sale of the American Tetley interests to Liggett Group—the exceeds foreign borrowings by

The traumes caused by heavy borrowings taken on by Lyons during a period of international expansion in the early .1970s now seem to be over The company says that no fur-

### Setback for Pertamina

From Our Own Correspondent. Hongkong, Feb 25

Pertamina, the Indonesian national oil company, has suf-fered a setback in its efforts to ward off claims by Mr Bruce Rappaport, the Geneva-based ship charterer in respect of 15 tankers on which there are

eventual contingent liabilities of around \$1,200m (about £706m).

yesterday at an IEE seminar.

Farm exports up 17pc

of its fight for survival.

Sanko

Steamship

ent. Japanese shipping company has, according to the review, reached agreement with Mr Rappaport not to press claims in London and New York against Rappa-port companies which had chartered vessels from Sanko for on-chartering to the Indo-

nesians.

This will take considerable pressure off Mr Rappapert and free him to pursue his claims against Pertamina

### Fukuda hint boosts yen abroad

innovation alert). Mr. William Norris, chairman of Control Data, gave details of the service The yen spared on the foreign exchange market in London yesterday after remarks by Mr Fukuda, the Japanese Prime Minister, that he would like to A rise of 17 per cent in the value of farm exports last year was reported yesterday as the British Agricultural Export Council entered the final stage see an orderly appreciation of the currency in stable foreign exchange market conditions. In London the yen rose, to 282-15-to the dollar against 290 on-Thursday's close. The council said the total value of exports had risen to f1,520m, which represents a share of more than 5 per cent in the value of all British sales

In a television programme taped for broadcasting lastevening, Mr Fokuda said that while excessively sharp fluctuations in the yen's exchange rate should be avoided, the Japanese authorities must not engage in a petty policy of buy-ing up dollars to stem the yen's

He also said he would wel He also said he would welcome a lowering of Japanese interest rates, which were above United States and West German rates, since this would prevent possible unwanted currency inflows, and serve to lower the interest rate burden of Japanese companies.

Mr Fukuda was anxious to see a cut in bank rate from the present 6.5 per cent, but he Japan to decide, taking full account of the domestic and international moments; situation.

### Easing the strain on a bankrupt business

Britain's complex and some-times archaic laws covering bankruptry and insolvency are expected to result from a far-reaching inquiry being carried, out by a Whitehall-appointed committee

The 12-strong Insolvency Law Review Committee headed by Mr Kenneth Cork, a leading chartered accountant insolvency insolvency specialist, met, formally for the first time, yesterday. The committee, backed by working parties from leading City institutions, the Law Society and the insurance world, hopes to provide concrete proposals for drafting clearer and more cohesive; legislation within two years.

At first the committee is to ested groups before getting a down to detailed discussions on ways in which existing laws in can be modified or replaced it

But Mr Cork already holds of firm views on what he regards as the least effective areas of existing legislation. His firm, Cork & Gully, has been called in to deal with some of the most spectacular corporate crashes of recent years, includ-ing Vehicle & General, Court

Line, the Stern Group, and more recently Brentford: Nylons. · He believes that the current hotch-potch of rules and regulations often acts against the best interests of the personali ties and companies involved as; well as the community as a

whole. His main criticism of the present laws is that on the one bi penal, especialy with regard to a



criticism of present rules.

other they often lack teeth in! bringing to book directors of company chiefs who have clearly acted unscrupulously, if I not illegally.

He feels that the stigman great that the unfortunate victim often fails to admit the, truth and goes on incurring credit, making greater losses and trading recklessly, with the effect that the eventual collapse , is often much more damaging: than it need have been.

"I think it is quite wrong that the full panoply of the bankruptcy provisions often falls on the small man who has." simply had bad luck in trading. "If we can lessen the penal-:

ties here while making the rules harsher in the case of those people who have committed abuses, the laws would be considerably more equitable and effective." Mr Cork also believes that nore companies could perhaps

be saved or partially restued by an extension of the existing a rules covering receivership. At the moment a receiver can be appointed only if there is a floating charge on the company's assets. In other cases the a business invariably goes straight into liquidation, with the effect that a break-up is almost inevit

application to the court or with-under some other official pro-cedure." Mr Cork would also like to

see the duties of liquidators enlarged, possibly giving them '' responsibilities to shareholders " or other groups—particularly in the case of malpractice by Lompany officials.

Although Mr Cork has been foremost in advising the Government on harmonization of EEC laws covering insolvency, he thinks it will be neither a

necessary nor desirable for Britain to fall completely into step with Europe, where pro-ceedings are almost the complete preserve of the courts.

Richard Allen

### the markets moved

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e Rates Table Statements

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SDR-5 was 1.15622 on Friday, while SDR-1 was 0.677023. Commodities: Coffee and cocoa prices again reached new peaks. Reuter's index was at 1661.6 (previous 1646.3). unchanged at \$140.125. er pages

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biggest component suppliers— Smiths Industries, GKN, Lucas

Faint hopes of some easing of dividend controls appear to have been dashed. Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has told the trade unions that and Rubery Owen—that have plants geared totally to supplying Leyland assembly areas, may be forced to look again at their production schedules and he has no plans to relax the in turn decide to lay off present restrictions, according workers. to Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, after his talks with the Chancellor yesterday on the next round of pay policy.
This follows a statement by
Mr Healey in Parliament the
day before, when he said: "I do
not think that there is any
significant evidence that divi-

# gh talks ahead on N Atlantic flights

egation from the ates Government led lan Boyd, a former of the Civil Aeronaud and Secretary of ation, arrives in Lon-weekend to begin a tining session with overnment representa new agreement ir services across the

during the past eight months the next two weeks, which is since Britain gave notice that the period which this new it would cancel the existing round of talks are expected to agreement, signed in Bermuda last. in 1946, on June 22 this year. On this occasion, the Ameri-

cans are expected to arrive with firm proposals. In view of the appointment of Mr Boyd to lead their delegation, the British delegation has been upgraded with a senior civil servant at the head.

ir services across the antic.

According to reports in White-hall yesterday, the British negotiating position appears to be less rigid. This should result in some progress over

9p to 77p 10p to 145p 10p to 700p 7p to 150p

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Of special significance is

that the British side is now saying the American 50 per cent share of capacity on the routes between London and New York and London and Boston could itself be shared between two American airlines.

This could go some way to meeting United States objections that either Pan Am or Trans World would have to come off these routes.

The Times index: 165.11 -0.83 The FT index: 401.7 -0.6

# THE POUND

Australia \$
Austria Sch
Belgium Fr
Canada \$ The Confederation of British 30.50 65.00 1.82 Industry has called an extra-ordinary general meeting for March: 16 to consider a scheme to raise its subscription. Denmark Kr Finland Mkk In a letter to members about confederation finances. Lord Watkinson, the CBI president said that the aim should be to raise the subscription income initially to around £3.4m per France Fr Germany Dm Greece Dr Hongkong \$ Italy Lr . 15 Japan Yn . 5 Netherlands Gld Norway Kr Portugal Esc S Africa Rd Rotary engine venture Switzerland Fr Yugoslavia Dur 34.25

Curtiss Wright has received a contract from the United States Navy and Marine Corps to develop a 1,500hp Wankeltype stratified charge rotary engine. The contract will be worth about \$24m (£14m) and the contract will be worth about \$24m (£14m) and \$25m (£14m) and \$25 the engine will be used in a high-rechnology amphibious-type landing assault vehicle. Lonrho is prinicipal holder of licensing rights for the Wankel



Healey damper on dividend hopes

building aid fund.

Head named for £65m shipyard aid fund

Mr. John Teasdale, deputy regional director of the Deputment of Industry's northern region, has been selected to administer the Government's £65m intervention fund for British shipbuilders.
Mr Teasdale, 53, has held his present post for six years, and is moving to London to start his new job on Monday.

Creation of the fund was announced on Thursday by Mr Kaufman, Minister of State. It is designed as a stopgap measure to help Britain's hardpressed shippards to compete with the low tendering policies of shipbuilders in Japan and the Far East. Half of the cash will be available in the next will be available in the next

Control Data in joint technology service · A computer-based technology

information service was launched yesterday by the Insti-tution of Electrical Engineers, London, and Control Data Corporation, one of the leading United States computer companies. Inspec, the information services division of the institution, will provide information on about 10,000 innovations a year, culled from the scientific and technical literature, univer-sity theses and patent descrip-

Control Data will provide access to this data base via its mit meeting to resolve a worldwide computer timeshar damaging price split in the ing networks. These use computer centres in Belgium, the United States and Australia.

The new joint service is published by the semi-official known as TINA (Technology daily newspaper Al Itihad.

### where Britain as a leading food importer has always lagged be-hind other EEC countries in exploiting export sales. The value of poultry meat exports rose from £1m in 1975 to mere

Bahram hotel award

abroad. But it needs a budget of £150,000 to pursue its work.

The steepest export increases were in the livestock sector,

A contract worth £2.8m has been won by Cementation Inter-national to build a 110-bedroom extension to the Bahrain Hilton hotel. Work will begin next month and is scheduled for com-pletion in March next year.

Nuclear brake on Bonn Licence approvals for West Germany's big nuclear power deal with Brazil have been delayed in deference to the United States government's views on nuclear non-proliferation, government sources in Bonn said yesterday. The sources rejected speculation that the deal, worth DM15,000m (£3,750m) was in danger of collapse.

Opec summit sought Dr Mana Saced al-Otaiba, the United Arab Emirate's oil minister, yesterday called for a sum

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Pensions

### What to keep pace with -prices or earnings?

The most satisfactory criterion there has been a formal link: for uprating pensions being previously there were "Penpaid to retired people, if a bottomless purse were financing were known, which uprated them, would normally be the pensions at intervals. There them, would normally be the movement in earnings of those of increase would match the still working. This would rise in the cost of livingensure that the standard of liv- although the normal practice ing of pensioners moved in was to do so-nor that it line with that of the working population.

on prices are therefore less which has caused such wide such a basis protects the stand- tem. ard of living of pensioners, it does not give them a share in panies in industry and com-any increasing prosperity of merce could not reasonably unthe whole community. Nor, of dertake the potential financial course, does it require them to burden implied in a promise of share in the occasional reduce either earnings or prices-

at any given level only when a case has been made for their necessity on general social grounds.

provides a flat rate pension at a very modest level, generally recognized as inadequate, and it is appropriate that at this level there should not merely be protection against changing money values, but also a share in improvements in the general standard of living. It is one way of working towards adequate provision at subsistence level for all old people. This pension is therefore to be reviewed in line with movements in prices, or in earnings, whichever is the more favour-

Next year sees the introduction of the earnings-related ele-ment of the state pension. This is also limited in scope, but extends beyond the mere sub-sistence level (or less) offered by the present flat rate pension. It will thus be reviewed. after it becomes payable, in line with movements in prices, in order to maintain its real

Occupational pension schemes generally provide more substantial benefits, with the aim normally of enabling their pensioners to continue to live at a standard comparable with what they enjoyed while working. Revision in line with earnings would be inappro-priate—which is reflected in the Inland Revenue view of not allowing increases in excess of price rises once the pension reaches the official maximum, although up to that level there is no restriction on the way increases are pro-

It is normally only in the public sector—central or local government, nationalized in-dustry and similar public -that pensions are linked formally to movements in a price index. Even here, it is only fairly recently that

ularity of Moneygamesman-

for the gamesman and mono-

graphs on erotic-gamesmanship

(under plain cover) and end-

gamesmanship are due for publication shortly.

ever, it is money that is the

topic of all. People either hate

talking about their own finan-cial position or hate being

trapped into feeling that they

Take savings, for example.

The world is divided sharply

into savers and non-savers, both camps being armed with weapoury specifically designed

Imagine a conversation be-

tween two archetypal partici-pants, J. Spender and B.

otherwise enjoying similar cir-

cumstances. Thrift serves:

"You're a City man. Tell me,
what do you think of these
new building-society-depositproperty-cash-linked savings

you of all people..."
"Not I. What exactly is your

here, implying the existence of

Machiavellian strategy.

to discomfit the other

most potentially embarrassing

In the present climate, how- the month,"

Money is, of course, a taboo some reasoning process in the subject for most people, which act of saving, which is actually accounts for the growing population absent in 99 cases out of 100.

ship as an exciting and reward-with the added implication ing hobby. The other taboo that he must be pathetically

subjects, sex and death, also short of capital, wits and/or offer plenty of opportunities influence with which to sur-

are prying into someone else's. which is pure avarice—to with these two points in mind degree that he makes his of the Moneygamesman plans his marmalade out of old bits

sions Increase Acts", as they was no guarantee that the rate

would apply to everyone.
When the formal linkage with the Government's retail In normal circumstances prices index was introduced, earnings increase more rapidly no one seriously considered than prices although the the possibility that prices present time is abnormal in might rise more rapidly than this respect. Increases based of this unexpected relationship favourable because, although spread dispute about the sys-

The pension schemes of comrelated pension increases. Part tion in prosperity. related pension increases. Part
In any scheme, however, the of the problem arises from the cost has to be met by someone methods used of paying for and increases will be provided pensions. Increases in pensions which cannot be quantified in advance must be paid for out of investment earnings on money invested while the pen-The state pension scheme sioner was still working, unless rovides a flat rate pension at the employer is able and willing to pay extra money into the pension scheme.

There is no assurance that inflation will necessarily be accompanied by increases in investment returns, even if the fund buys the sort of investments which stand the best chance of maintaining the real value of income-property or

equity shares, for example, In the long term, investment returns in the past have generally moved broadly in with changing money values, but this has not been true over short periods and could very well change in the future. Thus a pension scheme in the private sector-ordinary comemployers-which wishes to provide for increases either fixes the rate in absolute terms

or else retains the discretion to vary the rate of increases in the light of investment conditions and general economic situation, as much as of changes in money values. Schemes promising a fixed rate of increase normally allow between 2! and 5 per cent per annum. As the rate of inflation has risen over the years, the rate of fixed increase com-

monly allowed has also risen. At one time the Inland Revenue would not allow more than 21 per cent per annum. Obviously it is a matter of luck how far fixed rate increases go towards maintaining the value of your pension. Equally, in another sense, it will be a matter of luck how far you are protected in a scheme which provides for increases at the discretion of the trustees. I shall return to this question next time.

This is aimed to fluster Thrift,

"Motive? I don't know

about motive. It's more a ques-tion of what to do with what

I've got left over at the end of

(A nice cross-court renum

Thrift's income is in fact larger than Spender's. He thus effectively camouflages the real reason for his saving,

which is pure avarice—to the degree that he makes his own

orange peel, sells it to his wife, and keeps the cash pro-

ceeds in a discarded sock.)
"Naturally, in my tax position I'd be bonkers to save."

verly meaningless.)

(A useful counter-ploy-cle-

How odd. In my tax posi-

tion I'd be bonkers not to. At least that's what they tell me."

(Spender has been playing ar too overconfidently

round everything. We share

Game and set. Thrift has

this interest in claret he's

some merchant bank other?"

the clear inference that

vive an emergency.)

Insurance

# Household cover for unseen perils

of the cost to the insurance industry of householders' claims for subsidence: they range up to £60m or so

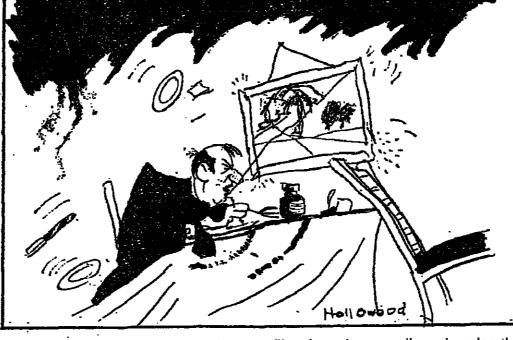
just for 1976. Certainly, subsidence damage has been extensive, particu-larly in the South-east, owing to the drying out of the clay subsoil in the 1976 drought.

It is only since 1971 that subsidence cover has been included as a marter of course in policies covering the buildings of private houses. Before then anybody who was particularly worried about subsidence might have been able to get insurance cover—at a price.
Understandably, insurers
have been kicking themselves

for being persuaded largely by the building societies to give subsidence cover. And those who criticize the building societies, activities in in-surance would do well to remember that, but for their negotiations, subsidence cover might still not have been provided.

Think of the howls of criticism insurers would have been subjected to from those with subsidence damage, bearing in mind that the average remedial work can cost thousands of pounds.

The point here is that when the cover was introduced neither insurers nor house-holders foresaw the large holders foresaw number of heavy claims which would become payable within a few years. Who knows what unexpected loss or damage many householders may similarly be faced with in the future?



One claim in this category was when a ceiling in a house collapsed under the weight of children playing at being elephants in the room above.

Traditionally, insurers have pay for the cost of repairing a gradual processes and should covered the buildings of private houses against named perils—with subsidence being one of the most recent additions. In practice, this type of named-peril policy has covered most types of fortuitous acci-dent involving houses. Sometimes, though, there

disputes, for what has been example, over what has been storm damage. Insurers will not

straightforward leaking roof, although they would pay for the cost of replacing part of a root ripped off in a gale.

Frost damage is not covered. apart from the bursting or overflowing of pipes, cisterns and so on. And, with one or two specialized exceptions, insurers do not cover damage caused by woodworm or dry

come under the heading of

It could pay to have wider over on "all risks" terms, cover on though it is likely to cost a little more and there will be some exclusions—such as woodworm and dry rot, and so on. It can be argued (and tainly some insurers take this line; that there is little point in having "all risks" in-

On a different topic, a reader

writes: "In order to buy our present house in 1974 my

father-in-law very kindly lent us

£1,000. However, instead of ask-

ing us to save up this sum and repay it back to him, he pre-

ferred to have the money put towards the possible future edu-

cation of our children. In order

to do this I took out a life insurance policy with profits at

"The surrender value of the

policy has now well exceeded the £1,000 and to this extent

our debt to my father-in-law is now repaid. In order to continue

the policy and for me to con-

tinue receiving tax relief on the

ponding to the insurance pre-

mium. Do we declare this in-

The answer is no. It is a gift

from father-in-law and is neither

earned nor investment income

in the hands of the recipient.

The only tax that could possibly

be involved is capital transfer

come?".

a monthly premium of £32.

surance on the buildings of a house, since most of the normal claims are covered in any event by the traditional policy.

With insurance, however, one is concerned with the future, rather than the present. There is always the possibility of being faced with some type of loss or damage which is not covered by the traditional policy. So long as it does not appear among the exclusions in an "all risks" policy, all will be well.

One claim in this category was when a ceiling in a house collapsed under the weight of children playing at being ele phants in the room above. An accident could occur when painting the outside of the house, with the result that there is black paint in all the wrong places. Or the washing machine could go berserk and cause flood, and so on.

With insurance it seldom pays to try to envisage the type of claim which one is likely to make. Generally, it is best to have the widest cover available, within reason, even if it does mean having a fairly substantial excess in the policy in order to keep the premium within bounds.

I believe that most householders want to be covered for what, to them, is something of a catastrophe without becoming involved in "small print' arguments about how the damage occurred. Apart from the exclusions, this is what an "all risks" policy sets out to

John Drummond

Taxation: Readers ask

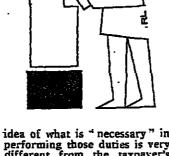
### Working at home • Wife's income • Mortgage and separation

A reader tells me that after a disability recently he changed his conditions of employment. He now works at the office three days each week and for two days at home, incurring extra heating, telephone and other costs. He wrote to the inspector of

taxes asking if he might qualify for some expense allowance. The reply was: "The use of a room as an office is, in certain circumstances, an admissable deduction. However, one room only must be used, set aside purely for the purposes of work which cannot be done at your normal place of employment. Unfortunately, under the conditions described in your letter, no allowance would be due." The reader tells me that the inspector gives no clue to the authority for his view and he wonders if it is correct.

Section 189 of the Taxes Act 1970 enables an employee to claim a tax deduction for expenses provided that as well as allowable tax offices usually for all types of expenses, probeing wholly and exclusively accept that a salesman has to viding they are wholly and incurred, they are also necessials home to deal with the

I say, I say, I say, Mr Thrift, have you heard...?



performing those duties is very different from the taxpayer's and, as one would expect, the Inland Revenue's interpretation is much narrower and supported, incidentally, by many cases that have gone to the

As an example of what is Eric Brunet | the duties of employment. The tensive travelling precludes him employed.

from being able to process the orders at his place of work. I have every sympathy with this reader's particular case but, alas, the tax office has not. The inspector is taking the view that as far as the job itself is concerned it can be done equally well at the office—the physical condition of the employee is irrelevant.

The distinction between this case and that of the salesman may seem to be a fine one but there are many hardships such as this in our tax laws that we have to live with. Incidentally, the Act says nothing about setting aside one room—this could be challenged in the appropriate circumstances.

As a matter of interest, if the individual is freelance, as distincr from employed, then the home becomes the office and it is much easier to obtain tax relief for a proportion of the home expenses. Indeed, it is much easier to get a deduction incurred, they are also "necessured, they are also "necessured, they are also "necessured in performing paperwork involved in his job—out one's job. The word "necessured the duties of employment. The on the basis presumably that exstantly is dropped for the self-

tax and even then it would affect the donor rather than the recipient. However, as father-in-law can give away up to £2,000 per annum (plus £100 per annum to any number of different individuals) without attracting CTT.

there is no problem. I was just a little concerned about the next question that tinues: "My wife is just about to start earning and will be taxed separately. Are there any advantages in my wife declaring the £32 per month income on

tax return rather than mine? As I have already mentioned the £32 per month is not taxable, but the way in which the point was raised makes me wonder if the reader is quite clear in his mind what he means by-and the consequences of-

eing taxed separately. There are two types of claims. One is separate assessment which is not a tax saving matter at all but enables husband and wife to prepare separate tax returns and have the total tax liabilities apportioned between

The other is the separate taxation of wife's earnings, which is a tax saving matter only if the combined income is sufficiently high: If it is not, it can be positively disadvantageous. With this claim the wife's in-come from all sources must still be included on her hubsand's

If this reader would like further information I suggest he obtain the Ioland Revenue leaflet No 13, Taxation of Wife's Earnings, which is available free of charge at local tax offices. \*

Regarding my article on the break up of a marriage a reader Francis Kinsman a husband moves out of the

matrimonial home on which there is a mortgage and buys a second property which is also on mortgage. Where borrowings, up to a

total of £25,000, are spent on the main residence of the individual and of his/her separated spouse, the interest for both properties is tax deductible. Once a divorce deductible. Once a divorce takes place the person wishing to claim tax relief must both occupy and own the house and make the mortgage repayments.

There is an exception for loans taken out before March 26, 1974. Interest will continue to be tax deductible until April 5, 1980, whatever the circumstances, but the amount of that premiums, my father-in-law has suggested that he will now pay to us £32 per month corresloan will count towards the limit of £25,000 for the purposes of a future loan for a main residence. No capital transfer tax is

payable on settlements for separated or former wives (or husbands). So far as capital gains tax is concerned, where two or more homes are owned only one of them, nominated

Finally, I would like to thank readers for their many interesting letters after my recent article on emigration. One or two of you took issue on a few points, saving that it was not necessary to do this or that in order to establish non-residence or a change of domicile. I did stress at the outset of the article that the Taxing Acts are very vague on the subject of

residence and domicile.

I added that as a result the Inland Revenue has devised its own code of practice which, because it has a limited statutory basis, is to some extent flexible and may be varied in circumstances. appropriate What then followed were no more than swidelines.

While I agree that the wouldbe emigrant does not have to do all the things I discussed, it must be borne in mind that the Inland Revenue needs to be assured that the individual really does intend to leave this country for good and it will judge the issue on all the available evidence.

Vera Di Palma l

who fails to obtain the loan the customer within six mon is not entitled to retain mu than £1 of any fee or comm

> Unfortunately these orc sions are as yet not very efftive, because they apply or wanted by the client to finar house purchase and is to to the form of a mortgage. T canvassing of a second mortga is not affected unless the lo-

is to be used to buy or provi ... a dwelling. So the old abuses still co tinue. Not only second mogages but also unsecured loa are being peddled door to dor Agents engaged to do the ca

concentrate their attention of Cinnica F council house estates. When the Act is fully in fore the situation should be train of the formed. The provisions alread mentioned will be extended 1cover other forms of tredit ...

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The only situation where will be permitted is where the use to which the propost credit can be put is restricte It will not for example, iillegal for a double-glazir salesman to go from door :: door offering to supply the Nor will it be illegal for check trader (sometimes know as the tallyman) to go fru door to door, because the tra ing check can be used only those shops willing to acce.
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agents of the selling compan... will continue unaffected.
In these cases where the doc step canvassing of credit is n to be prohibited, the compar concerned will neverthele need to have a consumer crec licence specifically authorizing the canvassing of credit oth. than at trade premises. A col pany indulging in any malpra withdrawn or amended. The licensing requirements are c

### Magazine's new editor

Many financial journalists have hecome public relations men but few press officers take the opposite step and become financial journalists. One man has bucked the rend this week.

That appointment came is decided to axe all the supposition of the supposition o opposite step and become financial journalists. One man has bucked the trend this week. He is Desmond Ashton-Jones, who took up his new appointment as editor of Money Management a few days ago. He has been a director of four London consultancies in the past and done a stint at "running his own shop " before he was seconded as the full-

time press officer to the National Savings Committee

four vears ago.

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a civil servant, was one of the first to go.

Money Management, a prof : 0 able magazine, is part of the state of th Investors Chronicle. It has bet without a permanent entrained since before Christmas aft.

David Lewis's departure

### The Grange Trust Limited

motive for saving, anyway?" quite a connoisseur as a marter (Note the word "motive" of fact."

Mr C. Alan McLintock, C.A. reports on the Company's 50th year. The following are points from his Statement The following are points from his Statement:

Revenue available for ordinary stockholders increased 16% to £203,000:

\* Total dividend increased 14% to 1.81p per share.

★ Net asset value at the year end was 68.7p, a decline of 10% over the year, compared with a fall of 15% in the FT Actuaries All-Share Index over the same period. Net asset value at 31st December 1976 is estimated at 80.0p.

\* The Board believe that demand for shares in investment trust companies will revive as and when this country again concentrates its efforts on encouraging a healthy and vigorous private sector. For the future we intend to pursue our declared policy of trying to combine a growth of earnings with a reasonable measure of capital performance.

Revenue before taxation

Year ended 30th November £351,307 £309,460 2.12p 1.81p Earnings per ordinary stock unit 1.81p Ordinary dividend Net asset value per ordinary stock unit 68.7p



" it's more a question of what to do with what I've got left over at the end of the month."

higher plane of his own choosing and as his final passing shot has left Spender with the impression, totally erroneous, that he has the whole of the Inland Revenue working flat out for him personally, in exchange for favours received. The combination of savoir vivre and savoir faire is invincible.)

Thrift, positioned at either end "Really? Who on earth are of the savings spectrum but your accountants? Or have So where did Spender go you got into the clutches of wrong? His blunt question on such a delicate subject was most unprofessional. The correct tactic would have been to shift position and take an althroughout and, thinking he is poised for the kill, now gets together different kind of ini-"Good heavens, don't ask his just deserts.)
me, old boy. Never save a penny, that's my motto."
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"Well personally, I'm glad
you save. If nobody saved I'd

have to pay even more tax, ha,

switched the battleground to a byproduct of his (Thrift's) own savings behaviour.
One of the most vital points

to put over is the fact, if it is wished to admit to having savings at all, that they are maintained in some highly original medium. Potato futures or honded Mexican tequila are of course passé by now and should not be mentioned. The trained practitioner will introduce as a subtler alternative what is known as the Crypto-Naive Backbander, and dis-course at length on the little known merits of National Savings. thus:

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pensioners' index-linked one. Apparently, they're giving

A related ploy is the All-On-a-Single-Throw Smash. This stamps you as a man who is prepared to put every available egg into one basket as long as the odds have been calculated with supreme accuracy.
"Every penny I've got is in cash/my house/the seventeenth

me at lunch the other day."

you are referring to the Gover-

nor of the Bank of England

Only the true aficionado will

recognize it as the name by

which the barman at the "Nag's Head". Lavender Hill,

is known to regulars.

century Dutch School at the How splendidly you tower above the little man who has weakly divided up his miserable portion into an infinity of different pigeon-holes. How is he to know that "every penny you've got" consists of an overdraft of £957 and that the mortgage on your house covers

even the sparrow's nest under

the eaves. Pinally, a last word of advice to the non-saver. Perhaps the best approach of all is the Consider - The - Lilies - Morelistic Dropshot. "I'm afraid I'm hopelessly unrealistic, but I always think that money ought to be enjoyed. Enjoyed in all its aspects. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this was still all we had" (so saying, bring out of your pocket two cowrie shells-5p each from a little shop just off the Charing Cross Road). "Aren't they incredibly beautiful", you murmur.

### Unit trust performance

UNIT TRUSTS: Growth and specialist funds (progress this year and the past three years). Unitholder index: 1712.2; rise from Piccadilly Capital Industry 1, 1976: +7.6%. and the past three years). Unitholder index: 1712.2; rise from January 1, 1976: +7.6%. Average change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months: -6.4%; over 3 years: +12.3%. Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder,

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**Enkalon struggling** 

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### EDITED BY MARGARET STONE

American Milgo company. But then Dowty raised its offer and Racal pulled out yesterday.

The whole affair gave rise to speculation that a number of

other stocks in the sector could be the next in line.

Prominent among these were MK Electric, up 12p to 130p over the week. Dale Electric,

up 10p to 150p, and United Scientific 27p to 174p.

Elsewhere in the sector GEC, up ip to 186p, received a temporary setback when the unions came our against its

capital reorganization plans. The same company is seen as one likely to take part of Rey-rolle Parsons' business if plans

for power station rationaliza-tion go through

bert Morris disappointed the

latter, which had seen the com-mission as its saviour. But Morris's shares were still 11p

up at 162p.

Cavenham fell back 8p to

116p on the lack of better terms from its General Occidentale parent, while Serck's defence

against Associated Engineering warmed up with the workers

adding their voice to share-holders in the opposition. The Serck shares eased 4p to 83p. Results from ICI, up 1p to 340p, and Barclays Bank, lower

by 3p to 250p, were both mildly disappointing, but Hoover, up

23p to 283p, pleased after a strong fourth quarter and Uni-lever rose 12p to 446p ahead of

the back of commodity prices.

Brooke Bond rose 3p to 50p after selling off its politically sensitive Argentine ranching interests and metals refiner

Johnson Matthey gained 15p to

figures next week.

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### keover interest helps week of progress

another week of ress on the stock London. Bid and issues continued to reasingly prominent lipse results from a leading companies, ICI, the "beacon" ndustry.

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and private investors. a brisk early and g trade followed by quiet consolidation to assert itself.

ek began with a uncertainty as it was

share prices rising considers to be a crucial time for the five days another week of was quickly dispelled, and such was the strength of the market that the lack of any specific reference to dividends in the

reference to dividends in the Government's document on future prices policy passed without any marked effect.

This document was initially taken calmly though, as time passed, the "interventionist" nature of the plan and the implications for company profits brought a more "bearish" view. Interest rate hopes continued to be the spur for gilttinued to be the spur for gilt-edged stocks, though in the main they were more subdued than equities.

Daily gains seldom exceeded half a point even among the longer dates and increasingly this section of the market is coming under the shadow of the forthcoming Budget.

Much of the bid and speculative interest came in the electrical sector because of the takeover battle for control of Ultra Electronics, which soared 64p to 207p. There was surprise when Dowty's £5.7m share a Cabinet reshuffle by a 17.4m cash offer from Racal Electronics, especially as the latter bad just emerged from a protracted battle for the

11p to 180p Commodity prices

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IAIN RISES AND FALLS OF THE WEEK

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from parent 13p to 225p Profit taking Boardroom split

speculative Interest

360p after nine-months profits up by more than 50 per cent.

### Britannia fund 🧕 a home income plan

as now turned its izs offshore Its Channel Islands has just launched

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is Group is emerg- go for. Where soft commodi-s shell with vigour. ties are concerned, the investe heels of its name ment route will be mainly long m Slater Walker futures and as a matter of roup and the rapid principle the managers do not many of its domestic intend to deal short. So far as equities are con-

cerned the portfolio will be predominantly in North American shares with some forays into the Far East. Britamia obviously have high expectations from this fund and

The fund director Jim Nichols is hoping in private for something in the order of \$10m to roll in within the first two years. What is clear is that the expatriate market at present is not too well served, although this seems to be more a fault of the professional advice that is or is not available in the odd corners of the world inhahited by expat-riates, rather than the availavehicles. Britannia's equity investment record is proved but this will be its first public ex-posure to commodity invest-ment, although the group has run some successful direct commodity portfolios for its private

> A rather sad little item of news trickled out from the Equitable Life Assurance Society a few days ago. The company is drop-ping its "House + Income" plan which was one of the few schemes available on the market to help elderly people take advantage of their principal asset, the house, to obtain much

needed income.



Mr Jim Nichols, deputy chairman of Britannia.

move too, but the decision has been made upon commercial grounds. There has been no shortage of inquiries—30 a week at head office alone-from pros pective clients, but few of them, about 5 per cent in fact, materialized into hard contracts.

One problem live is the few of them, about 5 per cent in fact, materialized into hard contracts. One problem lies in the minimum age requirements for a home income plan—65 for single people and 70 for a couple. Another is the high rate

of interest charged on the loan or interest charged on the loan which makes the scheme look less attractive, particularly for the "younger" applicants.

So the Old Equitable has bowed out, while its recently acquired subsidiary, University Life, which ran a similar policy, her county writing new busting. has stopped writing new busi ness altogether. However, Save and Prosper, while admirting that its scheme will never be a market winner or make much money for the group, has no plans to abandon its own home income policy. Nor has Hambro Life, where the managers are able to speak confidently of the scope for the home income

The Old Equitable regrets the

# back to profits

By Ronald Pullen
Ricitish Enkalon, the United
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Ricitish Enkalon, the United
AKZO chemicals major which
itself produced some poor results on Thursday, managed to
do something about its heavy
losses last year

On sales up nearly 59m to £471m, with around 12 per cent of the rise due to real volume gains, Enkalon trimmed its trading loss from £5.1m to £1.79m in

market share there was precious little leeway for price increases. The decline in sterling pushed up imported raw material costs Renewed spaculation on this had Reyrolle's shares 11p higher at 152p. The monopolies clearance for Babcock & Wilcox to make another offer for Her-£2.5m last year with the group's exposure considerably increased by the Flixborough disaster. This forced it to buy caprolactam in hard-currency areas.

So up went working capital requirements and with higher interest rates ming in the second half the interest burden more than doubled to Lim Bank borrowings thimbed from film to fi4m, and the prottag loss was f3.50m against 25.50m.

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losses last year.

Nevertheless, fierce competition in textiles, low prices, esculating raw material costs and rising interest charges combined to produce another depressing result.

On a something apour its neavy was f3.52m against 25.56m.

Enkalon now reckens that, it is through the worst with polyester demand starting to pick up. Industrial and carpet combined to produce another depressing result. However, the group is still making an extraordinary pro-vision of £1.7m to cover possible further reorganization.

The early months of the cur-But in its efforts to hold rent year have shown signs of an improving trend; the group is now working at around 85-90 per cent capacity, and Mr James Martin Ritchie, chairman, hopes the state of the state that the group will be in the black for the year as a whole. But a capitalization of £3.4m

### Lamson under all-out bid from Moore jumps 57pc

Lamson Industries, the business forms and office equipment maker, for which Moore Corporation put in an agreed bid for the outstanding 48 per cent earlier this month, turns in 1976 pre-tax profits up 57 per cent to f9.16m. Its best-ever was f13m in 1974. Turnover in 1976 improved 15 per cent to

This time round there were A rights issue accompanied by a strong dividend forecast helped English China Clays, which gained 8p to 83p. Gill & no exceptional expenses compared with the £1.1m for 1975, and dividends and other income rose from £418,000 to £613,000. Duffus soared 11p to 180p on

There was also a credit for extraordinary items of £510,000 against a debit of £121,000. The items relate to the sale of prop-

erty and writing-off stock and additional tax ratief. Net profits almost doubled from £2.46m to £4.79m, and

earnings a share shot up from 4.34p to 7.2p. The total dividend rises from 3.84p gross to 4.49p. Moore, Canadian-based, is the leading producer of business forms in Canada and the United States. It raised its stake from 20 to 52 per cent in Lamson in 1973. At that time both sides said there was little likelihood of a takeover. The Canadian group has a market value of about \$Can980m. It turned in 1975 net profits of \$70m on sales of about \$1,000m.

In the present instance Moore is offering 85p a share compared with Lamson's 81p market price at the time of the bid.

### Stock markets

### Still over 400 and 8.7 up on week

Leyland providing a gloomy backcloth, shares succumbed to end-of-account profit-taking. For a good part of the day the FT Index was back below 400 and by 3 pm had reached a "low" of 398.5. From then on there was a distinctly firmer note as buyers came in for the new account and, by the close, the index had cut back its loss to just 0.6 for a final figure of 401J.

This left it 8.7 ahead over the This left it 8.7 ahead over the week and better by 20.2 for the account. In the gilt-edged market, early falls of up to a quarter of a point at the long end were reduced to one-eighth, while many "shorts" reverted to overnight levels. After hours, "mediums" and "longs" added another three-eighths, but short dates moved narrowich. dates moved narrowly.

The long slide in Fisons may be ending, but few yet foresee a rise. The group's broker, Laing & Cruickshank, says buy, but most others say sell or keep away. They all seem to agree with profits of £18.5m against £16.7m for last year, a bit better than feared until recently, and Laing goes for £24.5m this year and Buckmaster for £23m. Most are waiting far a sustained fertilizer recovery to appear. The shares have put on 22p in ten days, but shed &p to 305p yesterday. The long slide in Fisons may be pesterday.

The Ultra Electronics take over situation again provided a centre of interest. The latest twist in the story was the news that Racal would not raise its terms following Dowry's in-creased offer and because of this, the Ultra shares dioned 8p to 208p. Relieved of its bidding obligation, Racal immediately went up 5p to 228p, while Dowly held firm at 111p.

Other features on the pitch were Hoover, which lost 12p to 283p on profit-taking after

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on speculative interest and EMI perience with Barclays after which held steady at 217p ahead of next week's figures.

Among the "blue chips", the worst hit were Fisons 8p to 305p, Glaxo 5p to 448p, while National Westminster were just Among the "blue chips", the worst hit were Fisons 8p to 305p, Glaxo 5p to 448p, while Unilever, also with figures next week, shed 2p for a finish of 446p. After Thursday's statement, which had proved mildly disappointing. ICI ended 2p lower at 340p.

In textiles, Slimma put on another 6ip to 96ip, making a rise of 44ip this week following the news of an approach from

the news of an approach from Tootal, which eased half a point to 364p. British Enkalon dropped 3p to 12p after its trading loss, while speculative demand boosted Hirst & Mallinson for 28p. son 6p to 28p.

Distillers gave back 11p of the rise which stemmed from whisky price rises and by the close stood at 12pp.

Ou the engineering pitch there were 2p losses from Hawker Siddeley at 514p and Metal Box 258p, but GKN managed to hold firm at 331p. and Stothert & Pitt continued to go ahead, this time by 3p to 135p. Serck, currently involved in a tussle with Associated En-

According to Exchange Telego ahead, this time by 3p to 135p. Serek, currently involved in a tustle with Associated Engineering, shed 44p to 83p.

In papers, both Associated Newspapers 5p to 170p and De La Rue 5p to 33p, were down on profit-taking which followed recent strong gains,

In the financial sector, the clearing banks had a varied ex-

A nervous market recently, Oil

Exploration slid a further 9p to 77p with two lines said to be

still on offer. The third of four wells in the Thelma Field is rumoured to be dry. Philips, the operator, is thought to have

drilled 10,500ft of the 13,000ft

planned without reaching a positive conclusion. Oilex has big loans to repay or fund in less than two years.

couple of pence off at 223p.

Companies reporting had J. J.

Dyson better by 5p to 39p.

Parker Timber gaining 5p to 87p
and Kleeman Industrial 2p

ahead at 182p. But Hardys (Furnishers) shed 5p to 22p after a disappointing interim

statement.
Equity turnover on February 24 was £73.69m (17,413 bargains).

#### Latest dividends

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				1.57
				2.75
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283p on profit-taking after Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share.

Thursday's results, Rowthorpe Eisewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To which rose another 3p to 66p establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. \* Cents a share.

### Neepsend down again David Mott but rot stopped

can seem so distant. Neepsend in special steels and engineering now reports a plunge in pre-tax profits from £781,000 to £349,000 for the six months

to September 30.

In 1974-75 they were nearly £2m a year. Then the rot set in. In 1975-76 they fell to less than £1.25m. To do as well as that in the year closing next month Neepsend must make around £890,000 in the

second six months.

Mr Stanley Speight, and his colleagues do not say that this will happen. But they do say second half year, and that the year's figures should not be insatisfactory. Last September the chairman

saw no sign of business turning up, and he pointed again to dumping in special steels. But dumping in special steels. But even then he was looking for better things in this, the second half year. Meanwhile the in-terim dividend is again 0.84p net or 1.29p gross. Last year's total payment of 2.93p net, equal to 4.51p gross absorbed £398,000.

From time to time the thought that Neepsend will bid for associate Raine Engineer-ing is bruited, but not recently.

### Treasury spoils Dyson payout

With a leap in profits, comes a forecast from Stannington-based J. and J. Dyson of good things for the full year. Turnover rose 25.73 per cent to £13.7m in the six months to September 30 and pre-tax profits jumped by 65.79 per cent to £955,000. Moreover, the

cent to £955,000. Moreover, the board predicts "in excess of £1.8m" for the full year. In 1975-76, pre-tax profits were £1.31m and the record of £1.89m was set in 1970-71.

Mr Gerald A. Lomas, chairman, tells shareholders that he had hoped to restore the interim dividend, as promised, to 2.42p gross. But the Treasury would not budge and the maximum interim allowed is 2.38p.

mum interim allowed is 2.38p.
A final of 2.57p is indicated.
Depending on trading the final Impala paying less

### and still gloomy

Impala Platinum, part of the Union Corporation group, has cut the second interim dividend from 15 cents to 10 cents a share. In the half year to December 31 the company made R17.6m compared with R9.85m. But the second figure was boosted to R17.6 after taking into account exchange losses on devaluation and a change in

The latest results include a provision for the US\$2.1m award made against the com-pany in favour of Colonial

the award. The second half af the current year will be affected by the loss of black labour. It left the mine after the rioting last November, Impala reports.

Metals, though Impala is to

contest the Court finding and

### **Bucknall** gets Bremar terms

The formal offer from Brema Holdings, a large private bank, for Bucknall Trust has been issued. Bremar plans to preshareholding in Bucknall ensure an adequate market in the shares.

Arrangements have been made to enable some shares to he placed at 201p—the offer price—with clients of Burge and Co should the maintenance of the listing require this.

Bremst will not use control of Buckmall to secure a share listing for itself. It is buying control of Bucknall simply to extend in merchant banking. It sees Bucknell as a growing investment producing a worth while return.

#### Olives Paper Mill coming right

Last year the turnover of Lan-cashire-based Olives Paper Mill grew from £3.38m to £4.16m and pre-tax profits from £26,000 to £88,000. However, the latest figures include £50,000 before tax for grants and a consequential fire loss claim relating to 1975.

An interim dividend of 1.92p is declared against 1.29p gross. There will be no final dividend for 1976, as was the case the

However, the board sees signs of a gradual improvement in the underlying trend.

### F. Austin margins up The 1975-76 rally from furniture maker F. Austin (Leyton)

continues. Pre-tax profits in the six months to December 31 went up 34 per cent to £330,000. Turnover rose from £3.69m to £4.09m, so margins widened to 8.05 per cent from 6.6 per cent. Bur the interim dividend is only 0.21p gross again.

The whole of last year saw profits rise from £353,000 to £501,000. The 1973-74 record was £615,000.

#### Merch'ts Warehouse: going gets tougher

In the 24 weeks to December 11, the pre-tax profits of Dublin-based Merchants' Warehousing rose from £198,000 to £215,000. However, the board adds that the year's results will probably not beat 1975-76's, when they were £376,000 before tax. The interim payment is again 0.5p.

### Hardy recovering from half-time losses

The directors of Hardy & Co debt sales. There is no dividend Furnishers) regard the latest against an interim of 1.77p (Furnishers) regard the latest setbeck as temporary. This is as well because pre-tax profits of £1.13m turned into losses of £340.000 in the half year to October 16.

Despite news that the group has been profitable in the second six months, and a statement that "a good performance will again be achieved in the future", the shares dropped 5p to 22p. The board says that increased

costs were not covered by a hoped-for rise in sales during the bot summer. Several stores which contributed little to pro-fits are being closed. Other savings have already been made If the group returns to form. dividend payments will be re-

Over the whole of 1975-76, pre-tax profits fell from £2.5m to £2.09m. The board warned By contrast turnover rose pre-tax profits fell from £2.5m from £18.2m to £20.7m. This to £2.09m. The board warned excluded VAT but did include shareholders that margins were service charges on instalment pressed by rising costs.

### Kleeman settles for sedate growth After two years of "extra- but the dividend goes up from thought that there could we'll

ordinary and unprecedented" demand, Kleeman Industrial Holdings expected in 1976 to grow at a less headlong pace. So it turned out.

Turnover edged ahead by less than 2 per cent to £7.09m, and pre-tax profits of this seal and gasket manufacturer went up 16 per cent to a record £2.28m, the eleventh in a row. Earnings a share rose from 21.8p to 24.2p.

After an extraordinary item of £157,000 for 1975, net profits slipped from £1.1m to £1.07m

At half time, turnover was up

3 per cent at £3.41m but pre-tax profits had managed a 14 per cent increase to £908,000. Overseas trading continued to make progress and to a large extent the increase in profits reflected the group's efforts abroad. Mr Derrick Kleeman, chair-

man, was reluctant to give a precise forecast for the full year but he did think that the pre-tax total would be no lower than 1975's £1.9m. He also

6.39p to 7.03p gross as forecast be an improvement in the secath half time.

be an improvement in the second half along first-half lines. In the event, the second six months brought an 18 per cent rise in profits of £1.37m on a turnover of £3.67m against £3.65m.

After conversions in May, 97 per cent of the group's original issue of 74 per cent loan stock had been converted into ordinary shares, or been purchased. The small balance has since been similarly dealt with, so the entire issue has now been

# Thos.VV.VVard Profit increased by 17½%

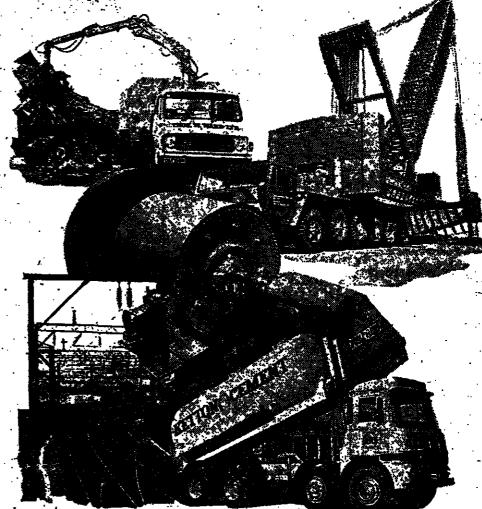
At the Annual General Meeting held in and in some cases a volatile trading period. Sheffield on February 25th, Mr. D. F. Walton, PROSPECTS Chairman and Managing Director, said in the

course of his review: Profit before taxation of £8,082,000 shows an increase of 17.5% over the previous year on a turnover up from £188.094.000 to a record £209,551,000. These figures are a re-

sult of a great deal of hard work in a difficult

It is even more difficult than usual to ssess, the prospects for the immediate

I am looking for greater efficiency in a number of areas and I see the Group being better equipped and able to produce improved results when the economy improves.



Salient figures for the last five years

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	1976	1975	1974	1973 (15 months)	1972
<u>_</u>	£'000	£.000	£ 000	£'000	000°£
Turnover	209,551	188,094	146,582	- 163,615	86,617
Profit before Tax	8.082	6,878	7,874	_7,959	5,563
Profit after Tax	3,649	2,789	3,707	4,694	3;310
Profit relating to Thos. W. Ward Limited	3,234	3,438	1,161	4,448	2,867
Basic earnings per share	7.8p	6.8p	9.0p	11.2p	7.6p
Gross Dividend per Ordinary Share	5.6p	5.6p	5.6p	6.6p	5.0p

THOS. W. WARD LIMITED, Albion Works, Sheffield S4 7UL

#### much faster pace than perieuced. of living. One simple that between January July 1976 new car e by 78 per cent. In eater proportion of

at period. reason for the sharp ls that in earlier years did not foresee such te of inflation; many mated the amount ed to reserve to meet ig claims. Serious claims, for instance, not settled for several or the accident. s not really much hope

sts goes on garage s; they almost doubled

rs being able to keep in premiums signifi-low the increase in the ving. In fact, at some are will be a sharp inadministrative costs. ay the insurance induspour intensive; and in-industry staffs (like y else!) almost cery else!) amos.
ili receive significant in salaries and wages. the reasons why the increases in 1976 were modest (the average per cent). was that, in with most other notor insurers thought rate of inflation would a much greater in fact happened. know the reasons why ctations were not ful-

Another reason is that insurers had also gained from the fact that speed restrictions resulted in fewer claims—as did sulted in fewer claims—as did the sharp increases in the price of petrol. Many motorists managed to cut their milage by assessing whether their journey was really necessary and, sometimes, by taking lifts from (and giving lifts to) other motorists travelling to the same descination. As a result, with destination. As a result, with fewer cars on the roads there was less chance of accidents. Unfortunately trends like that do not continue; usually there a reversal of the pattern. And this is what happened Never-

Trade monitors premium increases and major insurers have to apply for permission to make increases, giving detailed figures to support their pro-In practice, however, it is generally competition, rather than the Department of Trade, which keeps premiums in check. On many occasions insurers impose much lower increases than those which the Department of Trade has said may be implemented. There is no point in increasing premium rates to a level which will result in the loss of a large volume of

theless, the Department of

Motorists as a whole are ready to switch from one insurer to another at renewal if but this may make surer to another at renewal it more wary in the it looks as though there is a

Magazine s ay the cost has been rising the past few years drop in the rate of inflation to be made. I believe that, in the premiums have until it has actually been extra the early stages after a massive premium increase, one major insurer was losing nine out of ten of its renewals. The posi-tion adjusted itself after a

while as the other insurers im-posed premium increases. No insurer has a magically No insurer has a magically successful formula for under-writing. As a result, it often happens that a "premium saving" policy which is introduced with a great flourish runs into trouble, or the premiums are increased to levels very much in line with those generally applying in the market.

The large motor insurers, with a nationwide network of branches, aim to give a high standard of service—particular standard of service—particu-larly in the event of a claim Service is not cheap, and that has to be reflected in the premium. Often it may be worth paying a higher premium for good service. Motor under writers

Lloyd's-who insure about one in five of the private cars on the roads—do not have such high administrative costs as some companies. On the other hand, they pay higher rates of commission to brokers than some companies, and generally achieve a better underwriting profit. For them, underwriting profit is all-important, whereas in a company the motor account can be cattled to some extent by other more profitable classes of business.

houses.

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### World-wide pick-up on the cards at Howard

In spite of its 61 per cent pre-tax profit jump to £3.26m in the year to October 31 the directors of Howard Machinery are dissatisfied with returns on capital employed.

They give among the chief reasons for the inadequate profit return the high cost of production at Howard Rota-vator in Britain, the floods and economic troubles in Brazil and the economic uncertainty and over-valuation of the currency in Australia.

But excellent figures came from the French, German and Italian companies as well as from J. Mann at home. This subsidiary distributes Claas harvesting machinery and Ford industrial engines.

At Howard Rotavator, exports which were somewhat disappointing in 1975-76 are now on the upturn in some markets. Sales are buoyant, both at home and abroad, and this year should prove much better.

J. Mann, its other chief United Kingdom offshoot, again increased exports in spite dry harvesting conditions world-wide and the impact of a depressed construction equip-ment market on industrial engine demand. Good things are expected from this company.

A more profitable year is also in store for the Australian side where sales were below forecast last year. But it has got off to a good start, helped by the recent devaluation. In spite of the problems in Brazil, directors are confident that the region will become a major market.

#### More copper powers Lornex

More copper and better prices enabled Lornex Mining Corporation of Vancouver to produce net earnings for 1976 of \$15.9m (Canadian) or \$1.93 a share, compared with only \$625,000 (8 cents a share). The 1976 net earnings are equiva-lent to about £9m.

Production of copper in concentrate went up from 107.2m ravable pounds to 145.7m counds.

The gross conper revenue price a payable pound averaged 55 cents, compred with 55 cents. P.io Alrom has 66.5 per cent of Lornex and Pio Alcom is 51 per cent owned by RTZ.

#### Algemene Bk higher

Net consolidated profit of Algemene Bank Nederland for 1976 rose from 186.5m florins to 205.8m florins (£48m). This was after a provision of 115m florins for general risks against 97m florins. Profits before both tax and provisions went up from 4.72.1m florins to 514m florins. The dividend rises from

### Briefly

BRICOMIN-MENTEITH

Baring Brothers announces that offer for Bricomin to buy the Ord in Mentelth not already owned accepted by holders of 12m Ord, representing 94.3 per cent of the shares for which the offer was made. Bricomin now has 97.3 per cent of Mentelth Ord. Offer remains open

RELIABLE PROPERTIES Again no dividend after a loss for the year to June 30 of £20,000 (against loss of £359,000).

STOTHERT & PITT
Holding of 49.3 per cent in
Mulders' Fabriek van Rollend
Materieel—the loss-making Dutch
associate—sold for £121,000.

TREBOR SHARPS Turnover rose 15 per cent in 1976 and exports by one third. Future "rosy" and £1 m is to be spent on advertising.

WEARRA GROUP
Exports for first four months have doubled. They should account for over £1m in full year. Good advance in interim profits indicated.

London Sumatra Plantations total of purchases by Harrisors and Crostleda of 182,2% ord. amending interest to 3.37m ord (21,2 per cent) in London Sumatra's capital.

### Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank .. 1119% Consolded Credits 111% First London Secs 111% C. Hoare & Co .. \$111% Lloyds Bank .... 111% Midland Bank .. 1110 Nat Westminster 112% Rossminster Acc's 111% Shenley Trust .. 14% Williams & Glyn's 111% \$ 7-day deposits on sums of \$210,000 and under. 8%. up to \$25,000. 8'-fo. over \$29,000. 9'o.

### Coffee and cocoa at new highs for second day

Corree and cocoa prices again reached new peaks in the London markets yesterday. In coffee, the May position touched £4,000 per toune in morning trading. Switching from other soft commodities into coffee probably helped to push prices up although by midday sellers backed away and physical business tended to dry up.

At the afternoon close March business tended to dry up.
At the aftermoon close March
was at 53,677.50, which was £120
up on the day, and May at
£3,732.50 was £154.50 abecd.
In cocoa, March reached £2,540
per tonne in morning trading.

Dealers said that sustained strength reflected growing concern about the supply-demand simulion which was having constructive side effects on claris.

on Clarts.

At the afternoon close near March was at £2,559, which was 589,25 up on the day, and May had gained £89 to £2,541,50.

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COPPER was steady, cash wire bars, losing £2.23 and three months dropping £2.73.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £2.24.45.5 in three months. £2.24.45.5 in three mottles. £2.24.24.5 in three mottles. £2.25.35.50; three months. £2.25.35; MAIZE.—No Syellow American' French: March, E85.50: April, £84.50 cas' cost.

Eartley was unquoted All per forme clickin niess the fatter growth of the fatter origin.—BARLEY was steady: March, £80.50: May, £83.70: 5cpt. £87.70: Nov. £90.65: Jan. £27.70: Nov. £90.65: Jan. £27.55. Sales: \$3 lois. WHEAT was cleady: March, £85.95: May, £99.15: Sent. £91.85: Nov. £94.90: Jan. £77.90. Sales: \$5 lois.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-larm spot prices.—

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Devon £85.15

The UK monetary coefficient for the week beginning Monday, February 28. Will remain unchanged. Average faistock prices at representative markets on fourth of the fatter of the season of the fatter of the season of the fatter of the fa three months 26,220-25, 5abs. 210 tors. High order (ash 65,080-25) three months. 6-220-21. Siles. ni jors. Morning.—Stendard cash. 26,035-40; three months. 6-21-25. Siles. ni jors. Morning.—Stendard cash. 26,035-40; three months. 6-25-35. Settlement. 25,030. Salir. nji tors. Sinnapore University of three months. 6-25-35. Settlement. 25,030. Salir. nji tors. Sinnapore University of the months. 6-25-36. Salir. nji tors. Sinnapore University of the months. 243-25. Settlement. 6-21-36. Morning.—Cash. 6-21-36-15. Order 190 tors. Settlement. 6-21-36. Settlement. 6-21-36.

PLATINUM Was at E94.80 (5162) a From either, Ruisses vas sightim earler pence ord Plus — North, 51.50-50.50; May, 54.54-50.55; Annit lune, 56.15; Oct-Drc, 54.50-50.35; May-lune, 56.15; Oct-Drc, 55.30-50.35; May-lune, 56.30-56.30; May-lune, 56.30-56.30; May-lune, 57.30-58.00; May-Seul, 76.50-70.70; Oct-Dec, 72.30-73.25; par 167 options onicity steady.—April. c. 17.3240.00 per metric ton: June. C517.25-20.00: Aug. 2517.50-18.00:

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#### Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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TYNESIDE INV Pre-tax revenue of Tyneside Investment Trust for the vear to Jan 31 up from £282.060 to £355.000. Gross payment goes up from 4.23p to 5.08p.

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#### Foreign **Commodities** Exchange

A Canadian banker's publicly stated view that the Canad'an dol-lar will decline to 90 US cents this year appears to have been responsible for triggering heavy responsible for integering heavy sciling of the currency yesterday forcing it down on the exchanges to 95.60/62 US cents at one stage, against the overnight level of 96.12/14.

Bank of Canada intervention around the lower level restored some stability and the Canadian unit then traded in the range of 95.55/80 US cents in nervous con-

Oct. £317.75-18.00: Dec. £X17.50-19.00: Feb. £316-20: April. £516-20. (CCCQ. March. £3.6-36-60 per nearly concentration: May. £2.341-72: July per nearly for good £2.320-24: Dec. £2.376-81: March. £2.341-32: July £2.345-81: March. £2.341-32: May. £2.345-81: March. £2.341-32: May. £2.345-81: Lo-day average. 171.98: £2-day average. 171.98: £2-day averages. 172.03: (US conts per lb1. London cally price of rewallow £2.3 higher at £1.345. March £23 higher at £1.345. March £2.346. May. £1.28.76-28.58: Oct. £2.30.75-30.95: Dec. £2.35.81-54.08: March. £1.38.30. 34.35: %37.25.27.240-30.00. coller. £3.31.31: March. £1.38.30. 34.35: %37.25.240-30.00. coller. £3.31.31: March. £1.38.30. 34.35: %37.346.31.31.31: March. £1.38.30. 31.35: %37.346.31.31: March. £1.38.30. 31.35: %37.346.31.31: March. £1.38.30. 31.35: %37.346.31.31: March. £1.38.30. 31.35: %37.346.31.31: March. £1.38.30. 31.35: %37.346.30. 31.35: %37.346.31.36.30. 31.35: %38.36.36.31.30. 31.35: %38.36.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.36.30. 31.35.36.30.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35.36.30. 31.35 95.65/80 US cents in nervous conditions.

Dealers said the Canadian dollar has been vulnerable to adverse comment since the separatist victory in the Quebec elections while expectations of a bank rate cut continue to disturb the market.

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Other currencies traded more quietly with operators unwilling to "open new positions" ahead of the month-end.

Sterling closed 5 points un against the dollar at \$1.7035. Its effective rate widened to 43.3 per cent from 43.2 per cent the previous evening.

Gold closed unchanged at \$140.125. **Spot Position** 

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### Discount market

Credit conditions stayed very tight on Lombard Street yesterday and the Bank of England was again required to assist the market on an exceptionally large sum to nine or 10 houses over the weekend at MLR (12 per cent) for purely technical reasons. The Bank also made small purchases of Treasury, corporation and "eligible " bills directly from the

The help was far greater than underlying factors had indicated and rates of 12 per cent being paid for secured loans during the day came tumbling down to between 9 and 10 per cent for final balances. Banks' belances were very slightly up overnight, there was a sizable excess of government disbursements over revenue transfers to the Exchequer, and the marker also benefited from the market also benefited from the return of money in the form of excess applications for Thursday's Corporation of London issue. On the other hand, the market had a substantial bill take-up to finance, there was a modest flow of notes out into the weekend spending circulation and there was repayment to be made of the large overnight element of Thursday's Bank loans to the market.

### Money Market Rates

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### Wall Street

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The Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.83 point at 933.43.
Declining issues led gainers by about 845 to about 555.
Volume rotalled 17,510,000 shares, down from 197,730,000 shares. Thursday

Brokers say the market is pri-marily concerned with rising, in-flation and the outlook for possible further gains.
Analysis expect the February consumer price index to slip in to double digits, showing further effects of the severe winter

Silver gains 6.30 cents

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### Majority of 38 for Bill to reform abortion law: disquiet at continuing level of abuses

C), moving the second reading of the Abortion Amendment Bill. said it sought to reform the law of abortion as embodied in the 1967 Act. There was evidence of mouning disquiet about the workings of the Act and he was seeking to legislate in response to the recommendations of the Select Committee of the House.

It is said that the select committee's report is biased (he con-tinued), because cortain MPs refused to take part in its work. Creeful study of its proceedings will show that is a false charge. I have little sympathy with those the complain about the result, particularly as there was no recommendation on the grounds for abortion which, as I understand it, was their particular feer. Abortion floures might be falled. According to the factors of the factor in a numerical terms but they were rising as a percentage of life hirths from 142 per 1.000 in 1972, to 177 in 1975 and 1976. The rise was even more marked in the

Young see groups.

The clause dealing with doctors' experience did not mean that a woman's own newly-qualified doctor would be prevented from being involved in the decision on abortion, if he had less than five years' standing, the second doctor would have to have longer experi-

Abuses of the law would be less

Abuses of the law would be less likely the more score for profitmething was reduced.

An important clause with constlentions objection to taking part in abortion operations. Some doctors and nurses had been discressed because of their beliefs, and the Bill emphasized their right to object on religious exhibits of their parts. to object on religious, ethical or other grounds. He had received probably more evidence on this point then on any other.

He had been to'd by charities that the Bill would inhibit their york. But the Lane committee had recognized that the private sector must be treated as a whole and that registration as a charity was mer an appropriate guideline for accessing the medical aspects of

services or abuses.
The 1947 Act had caused difficulties for the police. He accepted that doctors were especially vulnerable to mischievous and unfounded allegations but no doctor. conducting his affairs properly connectes for another property had anything to fear. Only a senior police officer investigation offences would be able to apply for a warrant and only a judge could grant it, obviously after considering prima facie evidence.

It has always been necessary the said) to balance any marginal reduction of confidentiality against the exploitation of pregnant roman by abortionists who break-Mrs Rence Short (Wolverhampton.

North-East, Lab) said Mr Benvon had produced no evidence of a single abuse since the 1967 Act

petition from 10,000 people in the medical profession to say he had not gone far enough in the Bill. Mrs Short.—I suppose it is easy to get 10.000 Catholic nurses and doctors to sign a petition. The Bill was hadly drafted and indicated that Mr Benyon did not

understand the implications of his own Bill. It was also ill thought out and would have the most appalling affects if it were ever

The Bill was based on an unbalanced report from an un-balanced select committee comstill were, opposed to the 1967

It was not made clear in the Bill what was to be done about those doctors who would authorize abortions. Was Mr Benyon saying that in a hospital, for example, a consultant in a department would not be able to get his house man to sign a certificate? What did he expect them to do? Was Mr Benyon saying to doctors in practice they should not be able to sign a certificate? If he was saying that, then he was implying that there was a great deal of abuse in the Act among

profession. Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State for Health (Lewisham, East, Lab) said that the free family planning service under the NHS planning service under the NHS had led to a trend towards fewer abortions performed on women resident in Britain. The decline from the peak of 1973-74 continued and last year there had been 100,000 such abortions, a drop of 8 per cent on 1974.

drop of 8 per cent on 1974. The decline in 1976 was common to all age groups, including girls under 16 for the first time. Similar change had occurred in the locidence of illegitimate births and pre-markal pregnancies. The number of foreign women coming for abortion had decreased for abortion had dropped dramatically, halving since 1974, reflecting the introduction of abortion legislation in some other

Abuses in the private sector which had caused so much concern to the early 1970s, the taxi touts, unscrupulous agencies and nursing homes exploiting women and the unethical behaviour of small numbers of doctors—had heen progressively brought under

The maximum fine for offences against regulations under the 1957 Act was being increased to £1,000 by the Criminal Law Bill. Nursing omes were regularly inspected and any evidence of improper con-duct promptly investigated. To obtain approval under the Abortion Act, owners of private nursing homes must give a range of undertakings.

These provided for maintenance

of detailed records: inspection of premises and records by Ministry officers at any time without notice; he giving of receipts to notice; 'be giving of receipts to patients and retention of copies for inspection; accentance of fees only after two doctors had certified that, the Act's criteria wis met in each case; for the number of patients per 24 hours not recreed the number of heds approved; and for the examination of nationts by a doctor before distinge.

The nursing bome must also

undertake not to advertise abroad, directly or indirectly, or employ touts or to accept patients who had been diverted from their intended destinations or touted for. The proprietors must have no connection with avencies or persons known to advertise abroad or to tout or to divert patients. Proprietors, when applying for approval, had also to provide for approval, had also to proving derilled information about the business arrangements of the companies and individuals in-the application, all of volved in the application, all of which was carefully inquired into by the department's investigators.

Medical and nursing arrangements, including staffing, equipments, including staffing, equipment, procedures and accommodation, were checked by the department's medical and nursing teams. Nursing homes which concentrated on abortions had to satisfy the Secretary of State that the total costs charged to abortion patients treated on their premises were reasonable and must not increase those costs without prior approval. All financial arrangements between nursing homes and ments between nursing homes and doctors, other than payment of fees, and pregnancy advice bureaux, must be reported to the Department of Health and Social Services.

A register of A register of approved pregnancy advice bureaux had been published and nursing homes would be liable to lose their approval if they accepted patients referred to them by utregistered bureaux which charged fees. Registered bureaux, like pursing themes would be liable to regular inspection without porice.

There was great concern about the period of pregnancy after which there should not be ter-mination. Following the select committee recommendations, terminations after the 20th week of minations after the 20th week of pregnancy were permitted only in hospitals or approved nursing homes with resuscitation equipment and staff trained to use it. Only 1 per cent of abortions in the country were done after 20 weeks and only a fifth of those after 24 weeks. after 24 weeks. Following the Lane Committee, NHS authorities had been re-

drawn up by the Peel committee on the use of loctal material for research, and strict arrangements governed mursing homes in the disposal of such material.

Information to hand the said indicates that this code is being conscientiously observed throughout the NHS and the private sector.

There had been criticism about pressures on staff not to exercise their right of conscientious objection. He did not believe that was well-founded. Cuidance had been issued by the department at the request of the medical profession. This said that it should be made clear to applicants where a demand for termination existed which could not otherwise be met so that

applicants were not questioned on their religious beliefs or personal beliefs on abordon. Deliefs on abortion:

There was no evidence that recruitment to the specialities was affected adversely, or that anyone had been penalized in following their career as a result.

When some MPs indicated disagreement. Mr Moyle offered to look into any individual cases.

The charitable organizations (be continued) through charging moderate fees while providing a high sandard of in-patient care, had contributed to the improvements in the private sector. These organizations. which were as closely supervised as any others in the private sector with which his department dealt, would be vitally affected by some of the Bill's provisions. The Rouse would need to consider whether this served the overall objective of preventing

abuse in the private sector.

There were some indications that NHS provision for abortion was improving, while accepting that recional variations remained.

If the Bill found favour with a majority of the House, he and the Secretary of State would place the resources of the department at the disposal of the House with a view disposal of the House with a view to consulting the appropriate pro-fessional and other interests

abuse in the private sector.

Left to their own resources they would not have seen the need to introduce legislation, given the administrative action which had been taken. The Secretary of State had expressed the view that there was a case for a period of calm while the web of administration continued to requiate and reduce the problems that gave concern so long ago. He presonally would vote against

Mr Frederick Willey (Sunderland, North. Lab) chairman of the select committee, said the unique feature of abortion law in this country was the system of two medical practitioners. It was important to continue confidence in that. The committee recommended that one should have professional standing and that both should be inde-pendent.

The committee had received a

good deal of evidence that people were disturbed about the provision for conscientious objection. Mr David Steel (Roxburgh, Seikirk and Peebles, L) sald he spoke not as leader of his party but as the originator of the 1967 Act. as the originator of the 1967 Act. The two organizations campaigning for support for the Bill stood for the total repeal of the 1967 Act. Their object was to stop abortion. None should pretend that the Bill was to tidy up the Act. The steam behind it was to stop abortion.

We should reject (he said) an attempt to interfere with the Act.

we should reject the said at attempt to interfere with the Act in such a fundamental way. Sir Bernard Braine (South East Essex. C) said he did not seek alteration in the criteria for law-The 1967 Act had helped to reduce suffering but the illegal abortion scandal had not ceased.

The present arrangements act-ally discriminated against the por. And fortunes had been poor. And fortunes had been made by unscrupulous operators. A woman facing the agonizing decision was entitled to unbiased medical advice. The 20-week limit for abordions mentioned in the Bill accorded more closely with medical knowledge than the 28 week limit now operating limit now operating.

Sir George Sinctair (Dorking, C)
said he hoped the House would
reject the Bill and that the Gov-

ernment would, as soon as pos-sible, decide how best to tacklo the abuse of the gross disparities of the levels of the abortion seror the fevers of the abornon service in the NHS in various areas.

Mr James White (Glasgow, Pollok, Lab) said that if MPs wanted abortion on demand, they should propose a Bill to provide for toat. Mrs Elaine Kellett-Bowman (Lan-

caster, C) said that the Bill should be clarified to draw a distinction between termination to destroy and termination for therapentic reasons, where it was essential to save the life of mother or baby. She had been fortunate enough, 30 years ago to have such a ter-mination, without which she could not have had her twin daughters. Mrs Maureen Colquhoun (Northampton, North, Lab) said this was the kind of Bill which sought to downgrade women and deprive

Those supporting the Bill were seeking to set up a police state for women, with powers for senior

tral, Lab) said it had always been easier for richer women to get abortious than poorer women. The medical profession were making profits out of the bodies of women. The Bill was nothing but a class measure designed to penalize ordinary working women in

class measure.

It is a question (she said) of whether one human heing had the right to get rid of the life of another simply because it was inconventions. inconvenient.

The select committee had heard

of a girl who wanted an abortion so that her wedding dress would fir and another who winted an abortion so that she could play in the local tennis club tourrament.
It was impossible to support a
situation where abortion was
merely another form of contra-

ception.
Mr Robin Hodgson (Walsall, North, C) said the Bill's supporters had forgotten the difficulty with which women got abordons on the NHS in some parts of the country, even under the present legislation. In Birmingham it was not a good thing to be seen. not a good thing to be seen to favour abortion because the word or round and careers damaged in the medical world.

Dr Gerard Vaughan (Reading, South, C), indicating from the Opposition Front Bench that he was speaking personally, said there were still serious abuses and far too much commercial profit

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### Compensation value based on 1951 plan public inquiries the "indication"

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stephenson and Lord Justice Waller

[Judgments delivered February 17] An "indication" of a proposed ring road round Leicester shown on the 1951 county development plan which stopped houses being built on a long narrow strip of land and affected the consequential development of a housing estate on surrounding land was held to have persisted throughout the years, although the road plan was abandoned in 1961, so there was abandoned in 1961, so that when compensation had to be determined in 1971, the claimant owners were entitled, on the application of section 9 of the Land Compensation Act, 1961, to the full value of the land for

the full value of the land for residential purposes.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Blaby District Council, the acquiring authority, from the award by the Lands Tribunal (Mr. V. G. Wellings, QC) of 560,000 to Jelson Ltd. the claimants, as compensation payable by the council under a confirmed purchase notice for a strip of operations. chase notice for a strip of open grassed land about 2,185ft loni and 140ft wide in a housing estate in Braunstone I elecator and 140fr wide in a nouse in Braunstone, Leicester. Section 9 provides: "No account shall be taken of any

depreciation of the value of the relevant luterest which is attribut-able to the fact that (whether by way of designation, allocation or other particulars contained in the current development plan, or by any other means) an indication has heen given that the relevant land is, or is likely, to be acquired by an authority possessing compul-

sory purchase oowers."

Mr W. J. Glover, QC. and Mr
Michael Fitzeerald for the council: Lord Silsoe, OC, and Mr Malcolm Spence for the claimans. The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the strin of land in 1951, was part of a large area which the claimants wished to develop as a housing estate. But on the 1951 county development plan it was shown as part of a proposed ring road round Leicester and for many years it looked as though the plan was to be implemented. In 1951, however, the road plan as abandoned because it did not it in with the MI; but the strip remained undeveloped and was now an open space. The question was what compensation were the claimants to have for it. They sold that but for the road proposal they could have put 69 houses on it and they claimed 650,000 compensation. The council said that they must take the value as it was, irrespective of

Jelson Ltd v Blaby District Council

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stephenson and Lord Iustice Waller

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In 1953 the claimants applied

for permission to build houses on the strip; but permission was refused. By 1958 the land to the-east and west of the strip was fully developed with houses and service roads completed on the

service roads completed on the basis that they would be fronting the proposed ring road.

Then, in 1961, the proposed road was abandoned and everything was altered. In 1963 the claimants again applied for permission to put up 60 houses and three blocks of flats on the strip. They got quite a long way with the county council and the acquiring council; but the local residents obserted but the local residents objected strongly. There was a public instrongly. There was a public inquiry; the minister called in the application and again refused to let bouses be built on the strip. In 1965 the claimants required the council to purchase the strip under section 129 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1962, on the ground that it had been rendered incapable of any beneficial use as it was. So the acquiring authority had to purchase it and they entered on the land in 1971. they entered on the land in 1971. Was the compensation to be £50.000 or £5,700?

Plainly if one looked at the

Plainly if one looked at the strip as it was in 1965 or 1971 it should only be 56,700 unless there was provision for some other assumption to be made. The claimants said that there were other provisions which applied because the real cause of their not being able to develop the strip was the road scheme. They relied, first on the common law principle stated in the Privy Council in Privy Council compulsorily acquired in pursu-ance of a statutory scheme the compensation payable was its ord-inary value without regard to any enhancement (and now also to any depreciation) due to the scheme itself. That was just ordin-

ary common sense. ary common sense.

Alternatively the claimants said that section 9 of the Laud Compensation Act covered the case. In his Lordship's view that section covered anything which would come under the Points Gourde principle. In the present case it was plain that the second part of section 9 was satisfied, for an "indication" had been given in the current development play of the current development plan 1951 that the "relevant land" the strip—was likely to be acquired by an authority possessing compulsory purchase powers; and time after time thereafter dur-ing the various applications for planning permission and the

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When one came to the earlier words of section 9, was it that "indication" of the ring road "indication" of the ring road given all those years ago which had "caused", as his Lordship would put it the reduction in value from £50,000 to £6,700? Was his "estributable to" the lesser value "attributable to" the proposed ring road? In the light of the history it seemed as plain as could be that the depreciation was so attributable. From 1953 to 1956 the claimants wanted to develop the whole of the rest. to develop the whole of the strip with extra houses and flats. They could not do it because of the proposed road, so they developed their land to the west and east. And even after the road plan was abandoned their application to develop the strip was refused because of the way the houses

dents' objections. The whole depreciation in value, therefore, went back to the fact of the indi-cation of the proposed road. That was depreciation which had to be disregarded under section 9. The compensation payable should be the full £60,000. The appeal should be dismissed. LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON,

concurring, sald that, on the facts, everything that flowed from the "indication" constituted reasonable response by the claimants to

Lord Justice Waller delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Field, Fisher & Martineau for Dews, Welham & Co, Leicester; Kingsford, Dorman & Co for Geoffrey Tew & Co,

### Control of premises sufficient

Regina v Josephs and Christie cannabis, many in the possession Where a defendant is charged with being concerned in the manage-ment of premises upon which he ment of premises upon which he knowingly permits the supplying of a controlled drug, contrary to section 8 of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971, the question whether he is lawfully in possession of those premises is irrelevant, the Court of Appeal held. A defondant needs no interest in premises in order to be concerned in their management. It is a matter which management. It is a matter which depends upon the circumstances of each case.

The court dismissed appeals by Ivan Dick Douglas and Ransford Caristic against their conviction at Inner London Crown Court (Judge West-Russell) of that offence. The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the appellants ran what was called a card school in the

basement of a house owned but not occupied by the local council. They were in a sense squatters, there without lawful authority as respassers. Having carried out a raid the police found packets of

of a man who had been with the appellants. So far as the appel appellants. So far as the appellants were concerned, it was argued that they could not be concerned with the management unless there was some sort of authority giving them a legal right. It was not sufficient to show that they were de facto managing a card school in the basement to show management. It was also said that it did not matter what the authority was, merely what the authority was, merely some sort of legal authority. That was not necessary. If in

truth a man was exercising control over premises, running them or organizing or managing them, the fact that he was not lawfully in possession of them was irrelevant. The trial judge's summing up was perfectly adequate and acceptable to deal with the circumstances of the present case. The court was not dealing with anything beyond the circumstances of the present case. The trial judge took the right artitude. The appeal was dismissed.

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a matter of ooctrine that apprison in any circumstances was wrong. They did not have the right to force that doctrine on anyone else or claim that they were taking a higher moral stand than anyone Mr William Hamilton (Fife, Cen-

ize ordinary working women in particular.

Mrs Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) said mounting pressure ourside the House must eventually end in amendment of the Act. They were dealing with the basic issue of life and death and she strongly repudiated any suggestion that the Bill was a class measure.

women were being exploited at a time of great need and anxiety merely for the sake of the profit motive. It was wrong.

There was widespread and genuine disquiet and the Bill would reduce the abuser. The

would reduce the abuses. The House would be wise to give the Bill a second reading although personally he would not vote for the Bill on third reading unless some major changes were made. A closure motion was carried by 176 votes to 123—majority, 53. and the Bill was read a second time by 170 votes to 132—majority, 38.

A motion that the committee stage should be on the floor of the House was rejected by 137 votes to 109—majority, 28. The Bill was sent to a standing committee.

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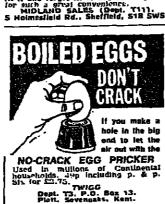
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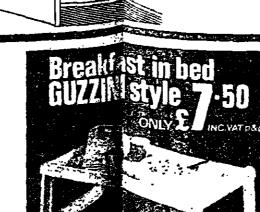
















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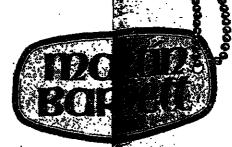
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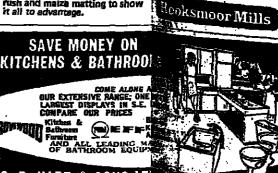
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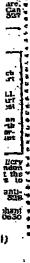
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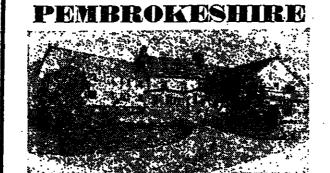




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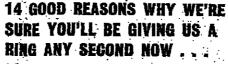


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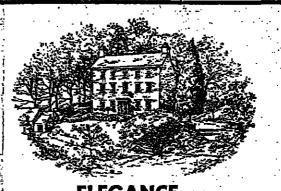
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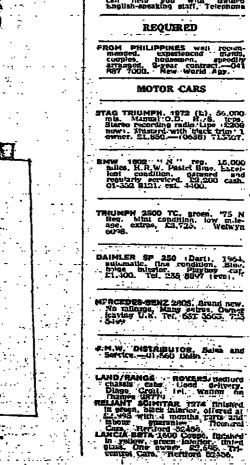
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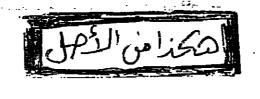
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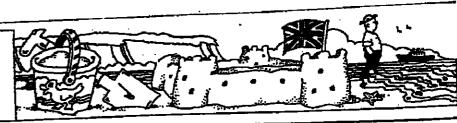
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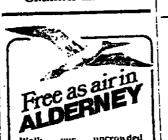
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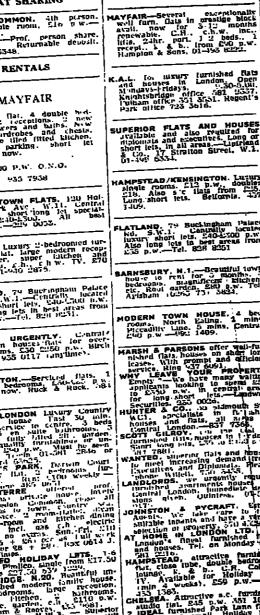
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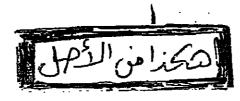
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